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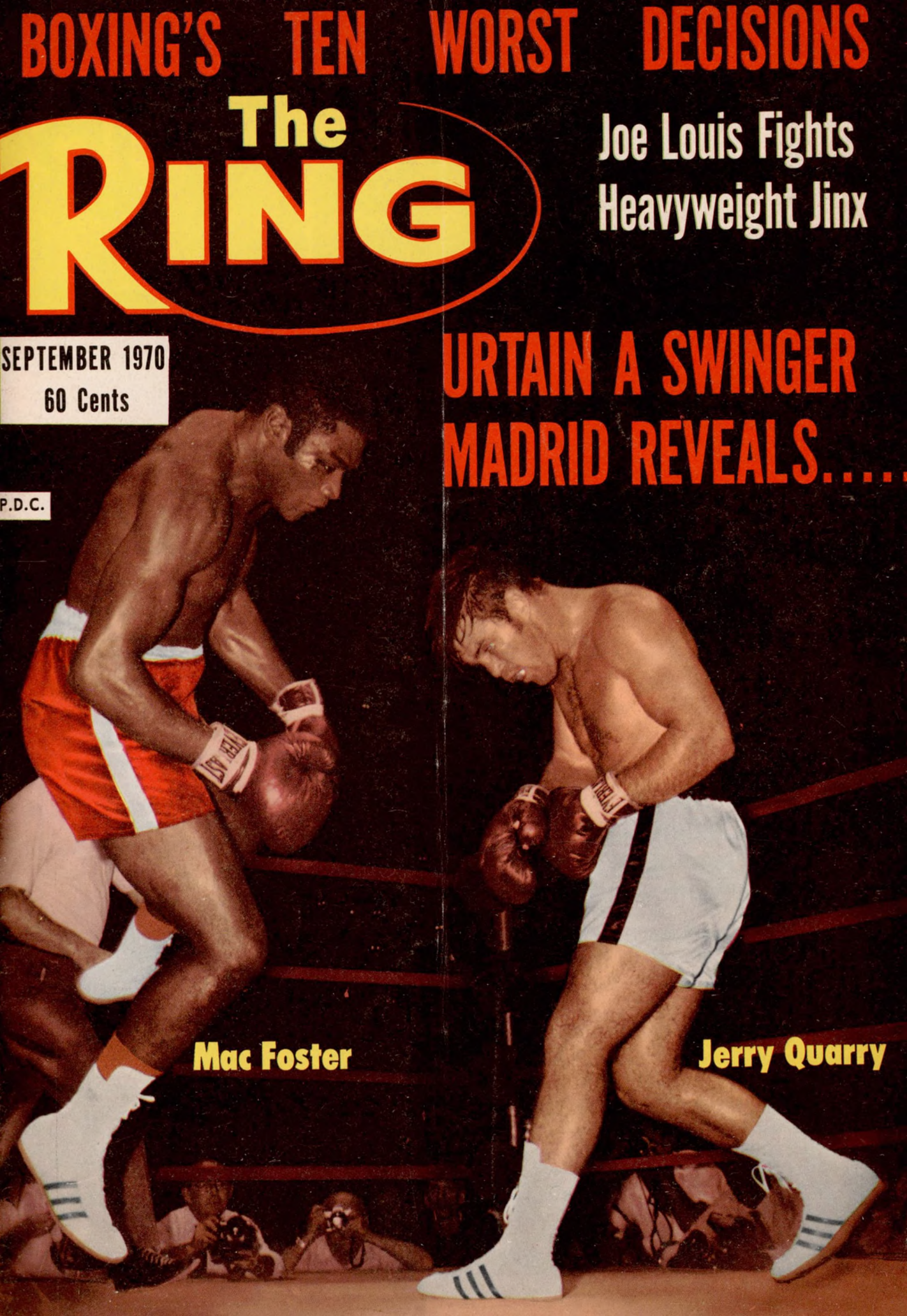

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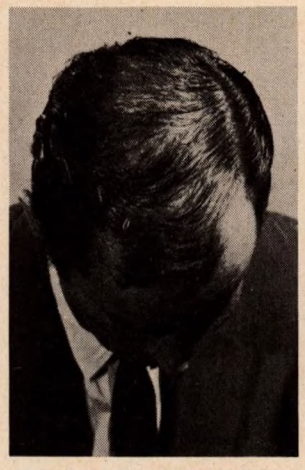

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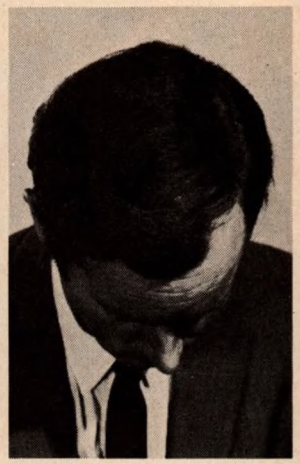

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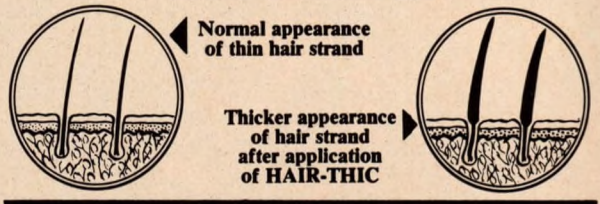

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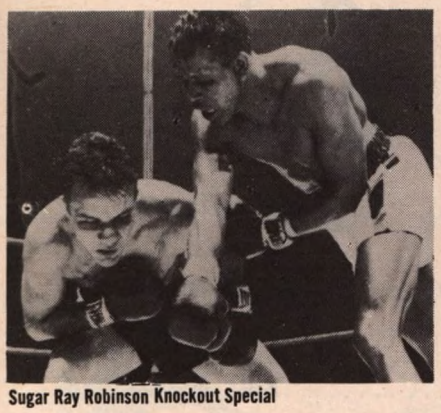

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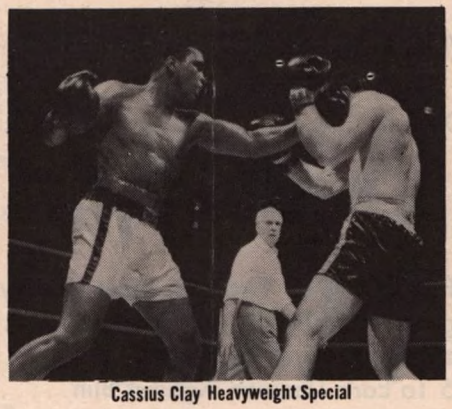

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Speaks Out !!!

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JOSE Urtain's pronunciamento declining to come to the United States unless he is matched with Joe Frazier has many interesting angles to it.

In the first place, it is preposterous for the Basque to demand a shot at the heavyweight title on the basis of his having stopped Peter Weiland for the championship of Europe, and knocking out 29 other victims of various sizes, shades and weights.

In the second place, his demand indicates a streak of masochism. Urtain seemingly invites the dangerous life. He is reminded that Jimmy Ellis, who fought his way through the heavyweight eliminations, failed to last four rounds with Frazier.

Urtain may be a little greedy. He may be overconfident. He may be inclined to rush himself. He may give too much weight and importance to his 30 straight.

The United States, New York in particular, would be delighted to see Urtain fight. But it does not want to be suckered into a hoax. Nor does Madison Square Garden want to be placed in the unenviable position of sponsoring a second rater as a championship contender.

Certainly Harry Markson and the Garden are lavish in offering Floyd Patterson, George Foreman or one of several other heavyweights who have developed reputations.

The Ring correspondent in Madrid writes, "Don't picture Urtain as a mountain country yokel who is bedazzled by his reputation and achievements. He is Spain's new national hero but he knows his way around and is a social character. He likes the gals and fast cars, and while he may be a sucker for a touch, he knows how many pesetas go into a dollar and how many dollars go into the pound."

Urtain does not have to fight Frazier right off the bat to make himself a fortune. There are fighters aplenty with whom Urtain could rake in the dough wholesale. A fight in London with Henry Cooper, a bout there with Jack Bodell, a Canadian encounter with George Chuvalo, a Buenos Aires fight with Oscar Bonavena, a Mexico City match with Manuel Ramos, shot as he may seem to be, fights in Australia and even Japan, offer to Jose a free ticket to Golconda.

Urtain is not a boxer. He is a strong man with a solid right which could wreak havoc on a slow target. He knows little about footwork, he has little or no classic style. He is the arch disciple of the Knockout, and today the Knockout is the big thing.

An Urtain-Bonavena fight would throw into the ring two of the strongest heavyweights in the history of boxing. Oscar, who twice decked Frazier in their first meeting, would be a big favorite over Jose. But there would be the strong element of chance, and the dramatic factor of uncertainty. The rock lifter might do it.

Urtain has the chance to make himself a contender. But he is asking the promotion to do the job for him, and that will not do.

Urtain has set up a brand new claim. He says, "The champion of Europe should not be asked to qualify for a world title fight." The mere fact that he is the best heavyweight in the tremendous area covered from Yugoslavia to San Francisco and across the world back to Madrid, should give him the chance to challenge for the world championship.

This strange philosophy never before has been encountered. It was not declaimed by Paulino Uzcudun, the first of the Basques to gain the European title. It was not cited by Karl Mildenberger, who was glad to go into the elimination tournament backed by the WBA. It was not cited by any European champion in the lesser weights.

In the Urtain stand there is involved a matter of previous right to a title shot held by American boxers Bob Foster and Mac Foster.

Urtain would introduce something which might be called matchmaking by demand.

This introduces Teddy Brenner, the matchmaker of Madison Square Garden, who went all the way to Madrid to see Urtain stop Charley (Emperor) Harris in three rounds.

On his return to New York, Brenner had to be very circumspect in appraising the Spaniard. Teddy could not afford to talk down the wares offered in the rather restricted market.

Brenner did say, "I saw Urtain stop Harris. I saw a physically capable stone lifter." There Brenner stopped.

Before Urtain achieved prominence, his high standing among the stone lifters, in a competition peculiarly Iberian, was played up big.

Now there is an effort to depreciate the stone lifting as an associate activity, more of a hobby than a medium of nationally outstanding competition.

There is nothing demeaning in being able to lift a stone weighing 300 pounds and whirling it around your neck. No man who ever held the world heavyweight title could match this feat of strength. Oscar Bonavena could not do it, and he is one of the strongest humans yet seen in the professional ring.

Let's stick to the stone lifting publicity. It is singular and picturesque.

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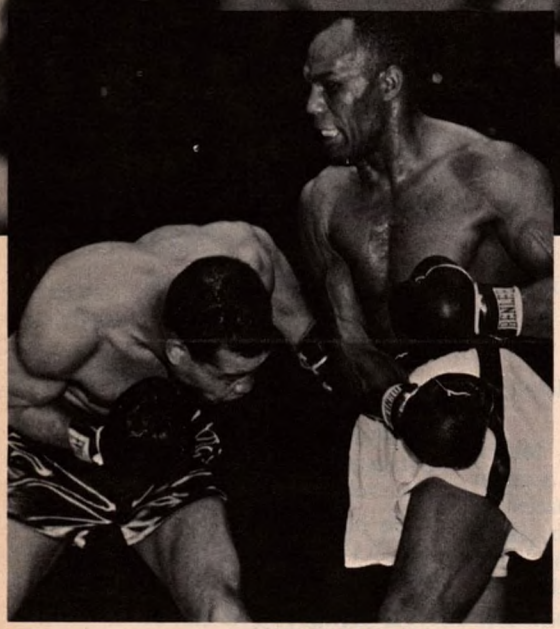


(Top) Here is a long shot view of Joe Louis during his first meeting with Jersey Joe Walcott in December, 1947. Many thought Jersey Joe got the short end of the stick when Louis was given the split verdict after 15 rounds, (Above) Louis ducks under a Walcott right in their return meeting, the following June, when the Brown Bomber disposed of his challenger in 11 rounds.

By DAN DANIEL

"WE wuz robbed!" The saddest, the most poignant sentence in the entire literature and declamatory protestation of boxing.

"We wuz robbed!" How indignant, how rebellious, how expressive.

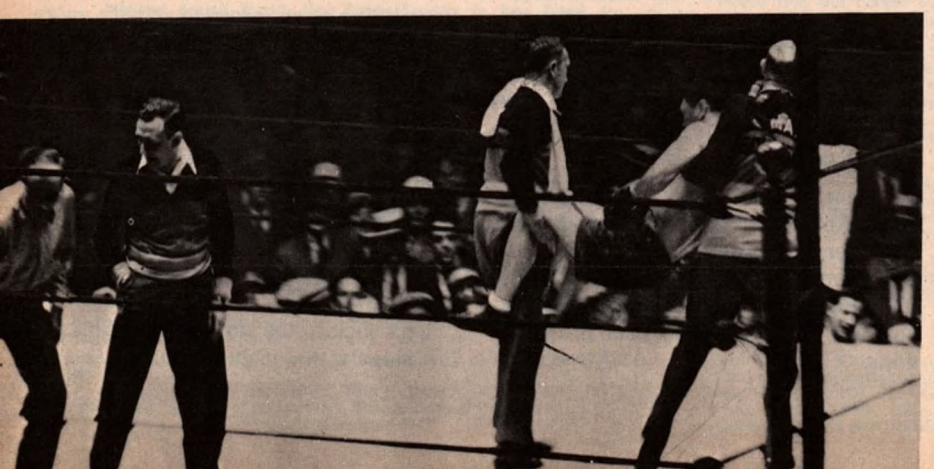
It embodies a protest against a decision, an accusation against referee or judges, or all three, a direct insult.

Time was when the three words were hurled much more often and with far greater intensity than they are delivered nowadays. The charge has lost some of its accusatory character since judges were introduced in boxing and the decision became a three man product.

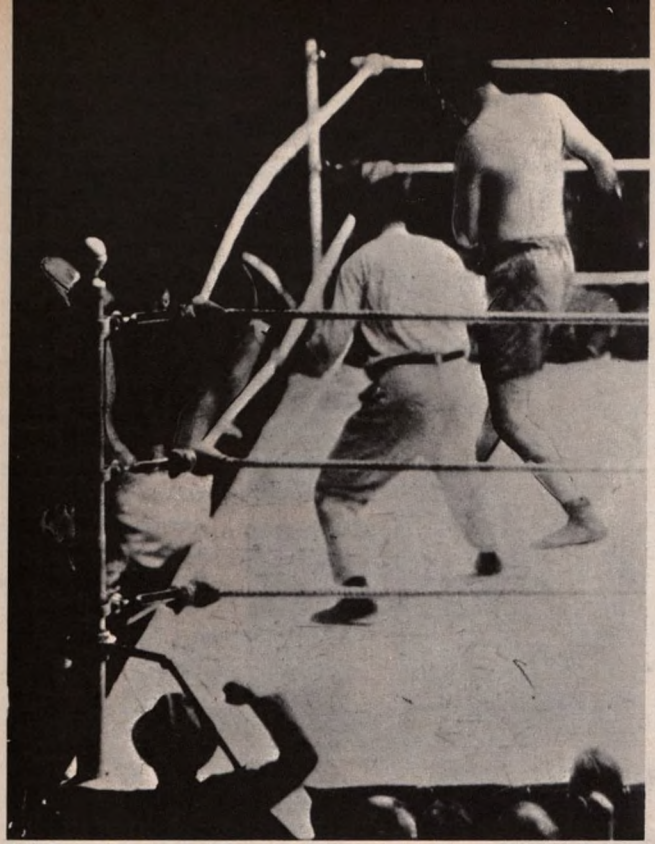
Accusations of larceny are tougher to make when the responsibility for a decision may be split three ways.

Another factor may be improved refereeing and judging, a desire for grammatical accuracy, and greater fluency with the language.

"We wuz robbed!" Who had best right to make the charge in a championship fight? Which decision involving a title was the



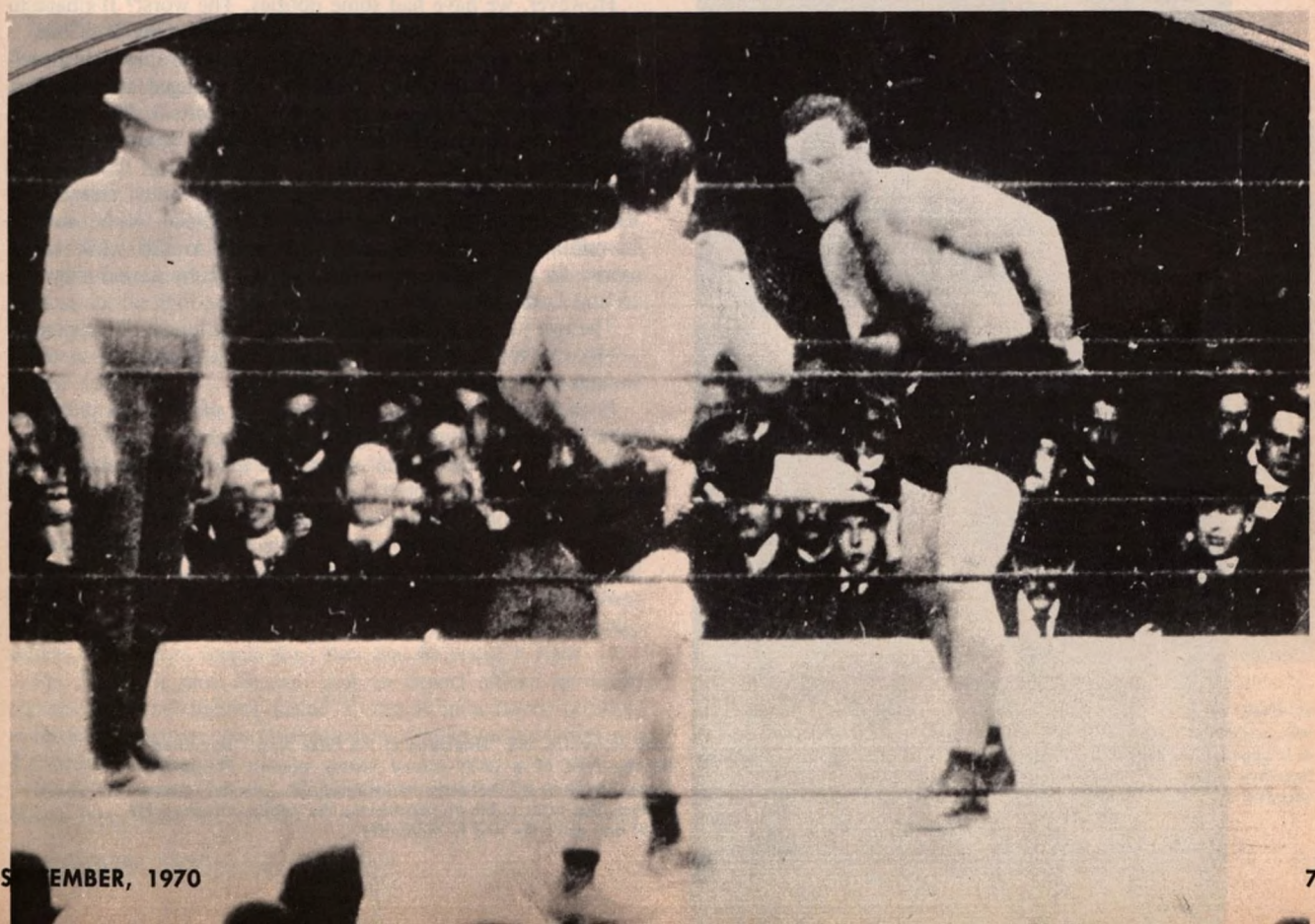
Max Schmeling is carted off by his handlers after being hit below the belt by Jack Sharkey in the fourth round of their meeting for the vacant heavyweight title at Yankee Stadium, New York, on June 12, 1930. Schmeling was declared the victor and new titleholder while sitting on the floor.

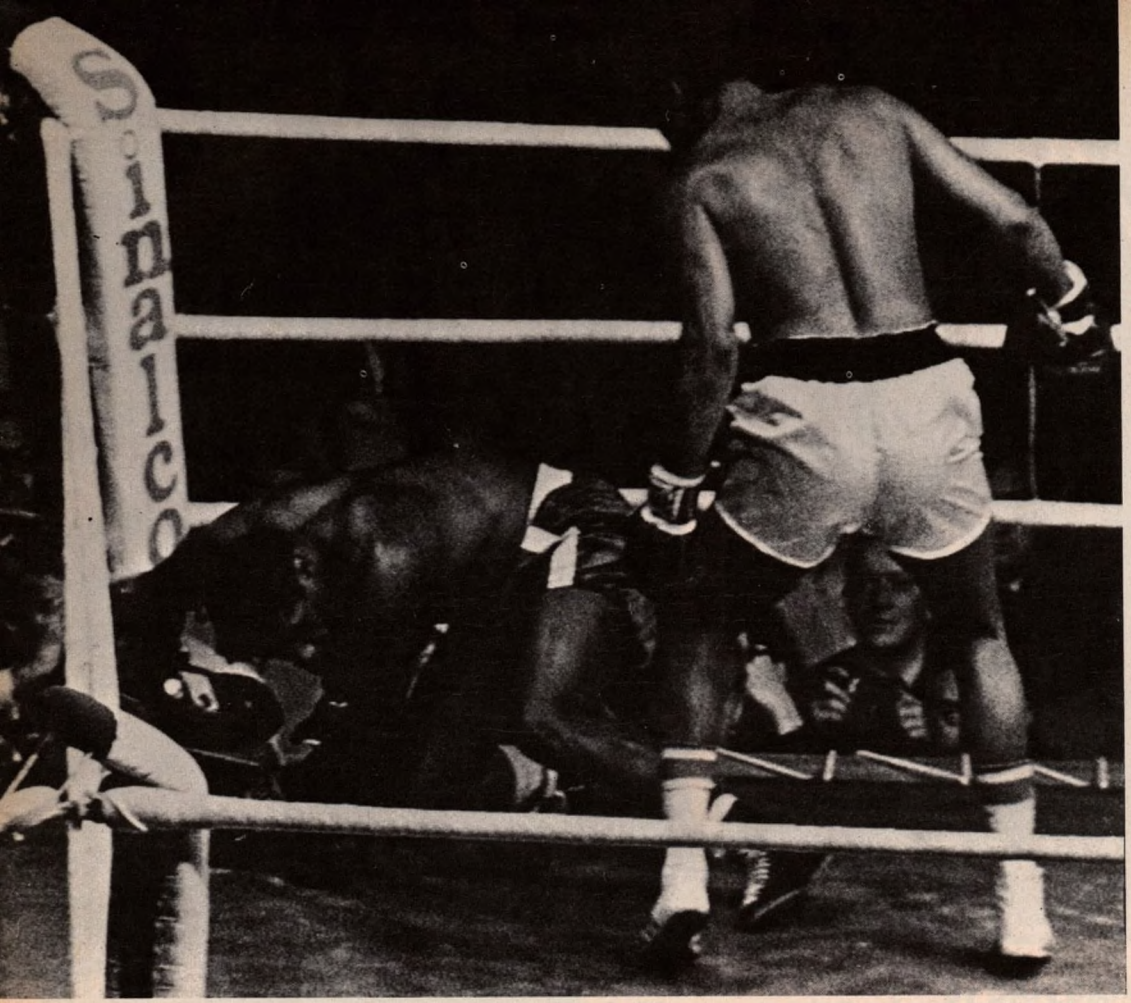


Jack Dempsey goes tumbling out of the ring into the ringside working press via a tremendous right from Luis Angel Firpo in the first round of their never-to-be-forgotten bout in September, 1923. Jack came back to stop The Wild Bull of the Pampas in round two.

Billy Graham appears a bit nettled after hearing the decision which gave Kid Gavilan the victory over him on December 19, 1952. The State Athletic Commission, however, changed one of the judge's cards and awarded Graham the triumph. It took a State Supreme Court ruling to finally settle matters and give the decision to Gavilan several months later.

Jim Jeffries (right) retained his title against Sailor Tom Sharkey at Coney Island, N.Y., in November, 1899, after one of the hardest-fought battles in heavyweight annals. While it was evident that Jeffries had won, referee George Siler required a police escort to leave the arena.





Floyd Patterson goes down in the sixth round of his contest with Jimmy Ellis in Stockholm, Sweden, in December, 1968. Referee Harold Valan was roundly criticized for his awarding the bout to Ellis, principally by those who watched via TV.

worst on record?

In heavyweight competition there is a strong chance that the winner will make his own forced verdict via a knockout, and the loser will be left without recourse to the three-word accusation.

However, we have had some doozies. The worst? It's hard to isolate it. There are candidacies galore. Here are the Top Ten.

Seldom has a modern heavyweight championship fight developed an anti-decision furor like that which raged after the first meeting of Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott on December 5, 1947. The scene was the now-razed Madison Square Garden in New York.

Louis got a split decision after a 15-round brawl refereed by Ruby Goldstein, a knowledgeable, honest official. As he saw the 45 minutes of action, Walcott took seven rounds while Louis scored six and two were even. In points, Ruby gave Jersey Joe 15 and Louis 11.

The two judges, Forbes and Monroe, saw it as a Louis victory.

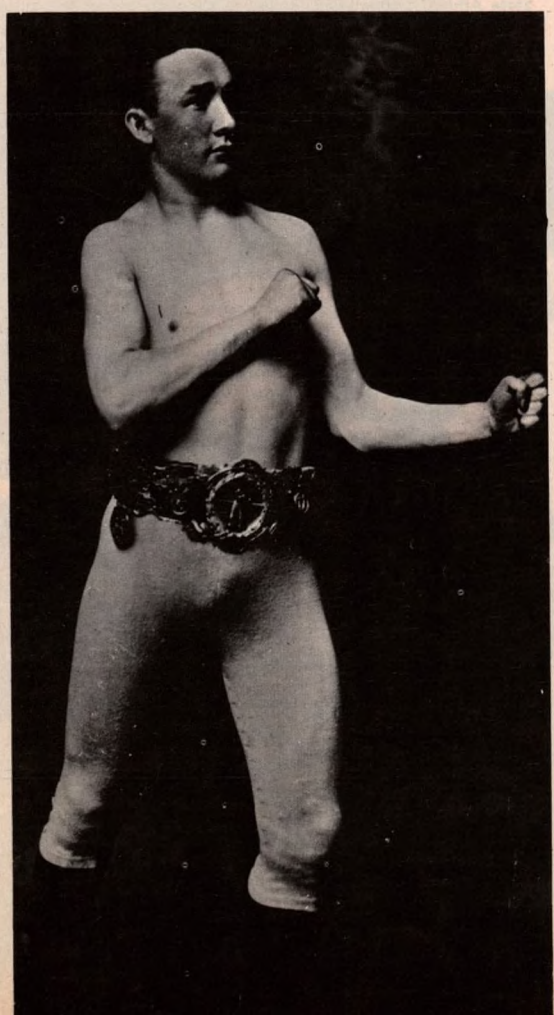
Monroe voted an 11 to 10 edge in points, and a 9 to 6 advantage in rounds, to Louis.

Forbes saw the rounds 8-6-1 in favor of the champion, but gave Walcott 12 points, as against Joe's 9.

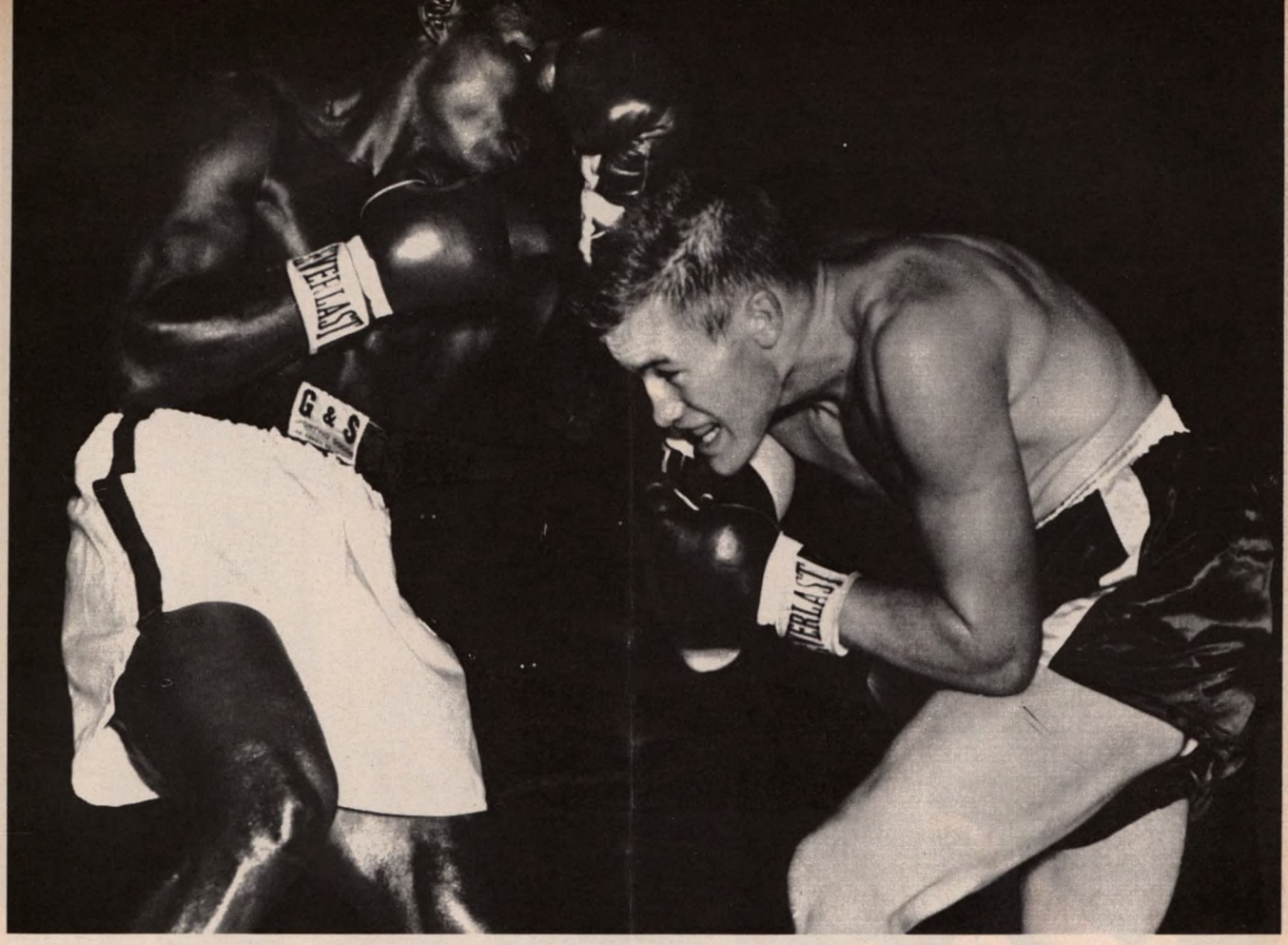
Jersey Joe's disagreement was rather mild. He never has been given to vehement protest.

Felix Bocchicchio, Joe's manager, was far more vocally displeased with the verdict and his "We wuz robbed!" rang loud and clear in New York's midnight air.

Who was the real winner? The Ring voted for Louis. It was



Jack McAuliffe, the "Napoleon of the Prize Ring," appeared to be deprived of a justly-earned victory against Philadelphia Tommy Ryan in a 10-rounder at Scranton, Pa., via the referee's verdict. But after a bit of persuasion, the arbiter reversed his field and gave the nod to McAuliffe.



Here's a scene from the Dick Tiger-Wilf Greaves bout in Edmonton, Alberta. The decision was announced as a draw, but after a recheck of the referee's card, it was found that Greaves was the victor by the margin of a round, thus giving him the British Empire middleweight crown.

swamped with letters of disagreement and violent concoctions of reproach.

The decision hollered for a return match and it was put on June 25, 1948, in Yankee Stadium.

This time the referee, Frank Fullam, and the judges had nothing to do with the verdict. Louis stopped Joe in 11 rounds while 42,667 fans, who had paid $841,739, found no cause for complaint. A left hook to the chin ended the fight. Joe knew he had been in one.

There was a pretty fair rhubarb after Floyd Patterson's September 14, 1968. 15-rounder with Jimmy Ellis, at Stockholm.

In this case, most of the yammer came from persons who were as close to the fight as they were to their television receivers but geographically thousands of miles distant.

The record book says the match was for the WBA heavyweight title. But as a matter of cold fact, no championship of any kind was at stake. Cassius Clay still held the world title.

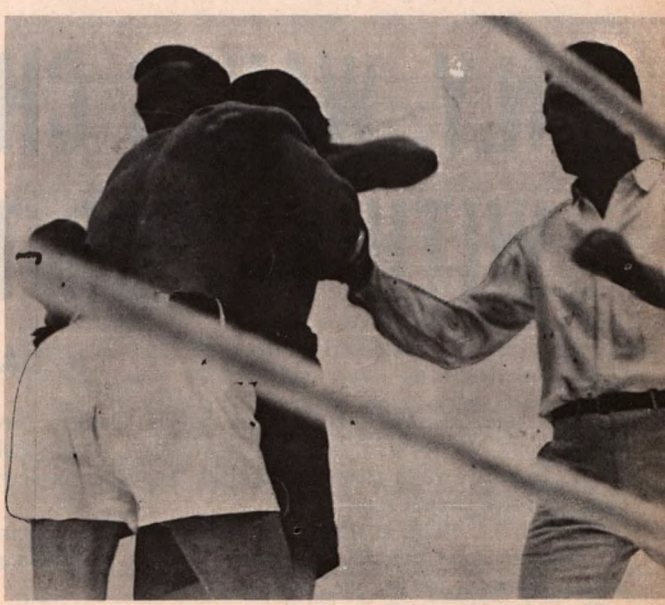
There were no judges. Referee Harold Valan, imported from New York, gave the fight to Ellis. Millions of TV viewers insisted they had seen it the other way.

The importance of the decision became lost in the knockout defeat of Ellis by Joe Frazier.

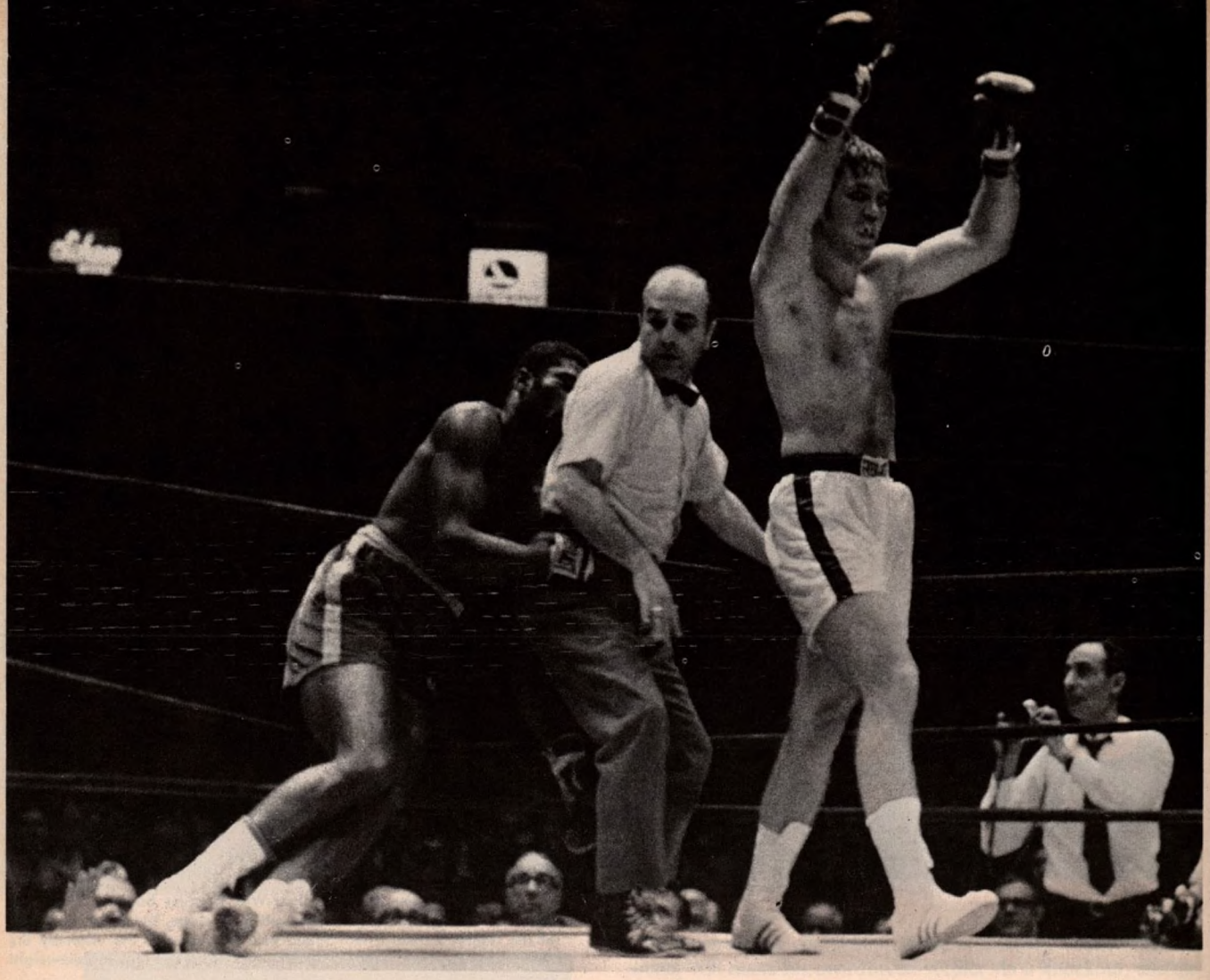
However, the battle still rages. "We wuz robbed!" the Patterson contingent still insists. Floyd himself never has let out a peep. He has yet to say a word of denigration against Valan. As for the referee, he is more certain than ever that he called it right

For Valan, it must be said that an expert official in direct contact with two fighters inside a ring is in a better position to judge a fight than persons thousands of miles away watching a TV screen.

Many times the "wrong decision" lies only in the minds of biased fans. Take the verdict *(Continued on page 42)*



Referee Harry Ertle moves in to separate Young Stribling (back to camera) and Mike McTigue during their meeting at Columbus, Ga. Ertle called it a draw after the finish of the 10-rounder, changed it to a Stribling victory after being threatened by a mob, then switched again on the way North to a draw, which is the way it is recorded in the record books.



Mac Foster grabs referee Johnny LoBianco in an attempt to keep from falling after the ring official halted matters at 2:09 of the sixth round, awarding the Madison Square Garden heavyweight bout to Jerry Quarry, who punished the ex-Marine severely in what turned out to be the final round.

N.Y. WANTS CHUVALO-FOREMAN WITH VICTOR TO MEET QUARRY

By DAN DANIEL

ON June 23, 1969, in Madison Square Garden, New York, Joe Frazier, who had yet to clear Jimmy Ellis from his world championship path, knocked out Jerry Quarry in the seventh round.

On June 17, 1970, in the same Garden ring, Jerry Quarry knocked out MacArthur Foster, hitherto rated by THE RING as the top contender for the title, in the sixth round.

From these two results interesting inferences are compelling.

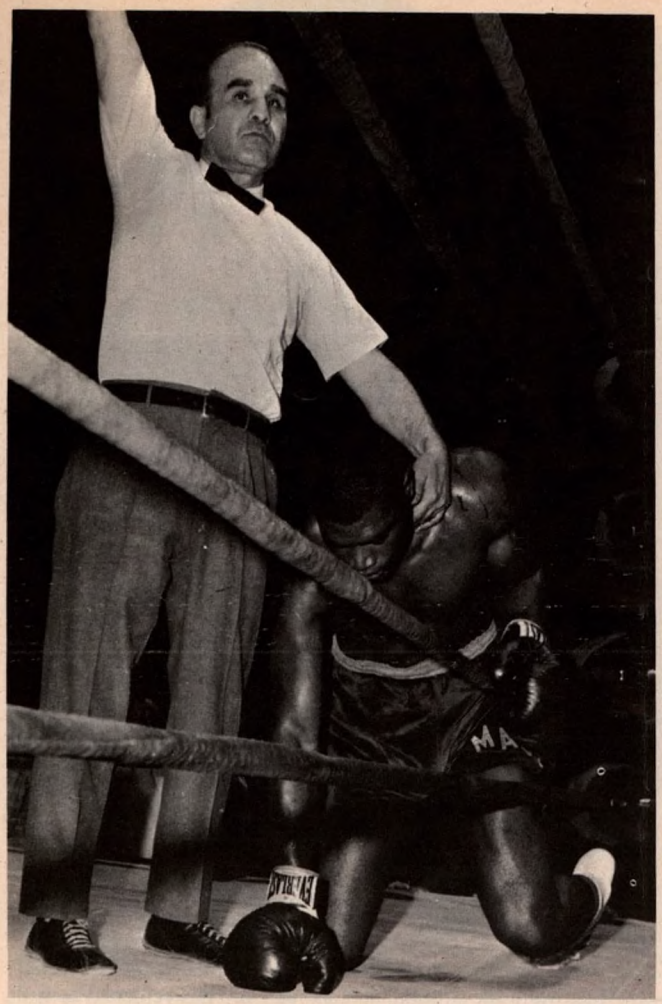
Where does Quarry, who had threatened to quit the ring if Foster beat him, go from here?

Where does Foster, hitherto undefeated, with 24 consecutive victories, all by KO, to his credit, go from his sadly revised location?

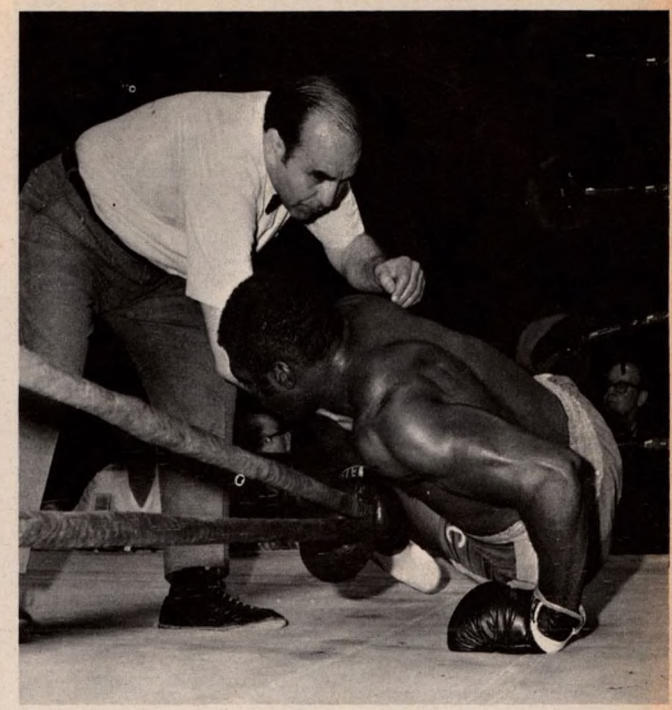
Harry Markson, director of boxing in the Garden, and Teddy Brenner, his matchmaker, now must look elsewhere for a man to fight Joe Frazier for the title. Their ultimate choice may have to be light heavyweight champion Bob Foster.

As this issue of THE RING was being circulated around the world, Markson was working on a fight between George Chuvalo and George Foreman, both members of the Top Ten, the winner to meet Quarry.

Why not Quarry against Frazier? Jerry doesn't want that rematch, just yet. He is quite willing to meet the Chuvalo-Foreman winner. But Chuvalo, who once went 15 rounds with Cassius Clay and has had a very erratic career, doesn't care for going through further eliminations.



LoBianco signals that it's all over as Foster dazedly peers at the canvas. It was the first time Foster tasted defeat after rolling up a skein of 24 straight knockouts.



Foster, unable to rise after the bout was halted, is being assisted by LoBianco. Mac did not hit the floor until after the referee halted the proceedings.

On December 12, 1969, Chuvalo, who had been knocked out in four rounds by Frazier, and had lost a 12-round fight with Buster Mathis, got back into the running with a seven-round KO of Quarry. Jerry wants hunks, and wants it badly.

Mac Foster is at the crossroads of a career which suddenly has suffered a near collapse.

This fight business sometimes calls for harsh conclusions. One of those comes out of the Mac Foster situation.

The young marine from Fresno, Calif., who has a remarkable military record, is extremely well behaved and very much dedicated, never will be the heavyweight champion of the world.

"Never" is a long time. But Mac is 28. He came along late. He showed Quarry a sharp, stabbing, educated and persistent left jab. But heavyweight fights never are won by jabs alone.

Only seldom did Foster use that right hand of his. He was utterly mechanical. He fought by rote. He followed the book and at times looked like a correspondence school boxer.

Markson said, "Despite the gory finish which struck Foster against Quarry, I would not write him off.

"Quarry said that Mac was a strong puncher and always was dangerous.

"In the third round Foster let go a terrific right to the jaw. Quarry was hurt. But Foster did not know what to do with his big chance. True, he is 28. But a man with his determination and dedication, gameness and superb condition, is not to be dismissed so fast."

However, Markson right now is not interested in Mac Foster, who has gone home to Fresno with his $35,000 of Garden dough, to learn more about his trade, and do some thinking.

It has become the vogue to build fighters on weak stilts.

Heavyweights, in particular, are fed on a steady diet of stiffs, and when it comes time to do some tough fighting against punching opposition, they find themselves on unfamiliar ground.

The program which Markson has proposed sounds interesting and equable.

A Foreman-Chuvalo fight would draw well, and the winner and Quarry would be even more magnetic. The results would have important bearings on the heavyweight situation, and, not to be ignored, would appeal to the Garden box office.

There has been some talk of a fight between Frazier and Jose Urtain, the Spanish slugger with 31 straight triumphs to his credit.

Markson has declined to promote a Frazier-Urtain fight—at this time. He has it filed away in the back of his head.

Brenner, who saw Urtain stop utterly undistinguished Emperor Harris, brought back reports which did not flatter the professional acumen and scientific techniques of the Iberian stone heaver.

A Frazier-Urtain bout too soon might prove a thorough fiasco and discredit the Garden, and boxing.

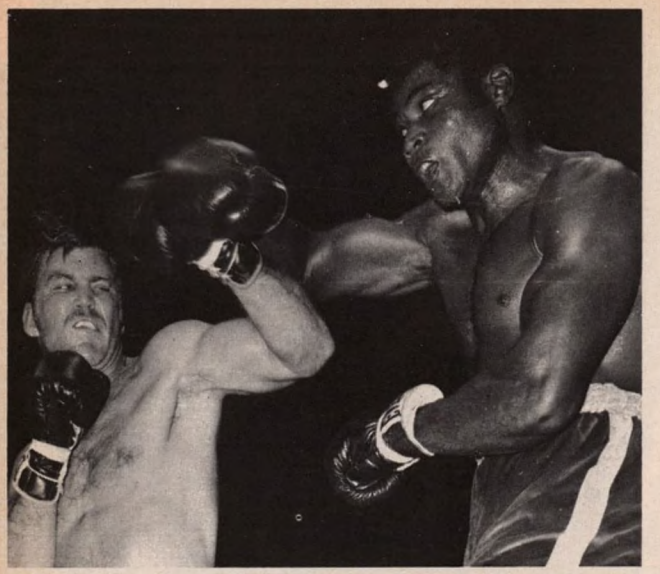
However, Spanish sources are not so concerned about the possible effects of a hoax. They offer Frazier millions of pesetas. They talk wildly about giving Joe $2,000,000 for a fight in the big bull ring in Madrid. They would let Frazier bring his own referee. They would yield to the champion on every point, just so long as Yancy Durham, Cloverlay and their Olympian showed up in the Plaza del Toro.

The dope is that Spain is so keen for the fight and the publicity it would spill that Franco is willing to see the Government contribute to the kitty for the champion.

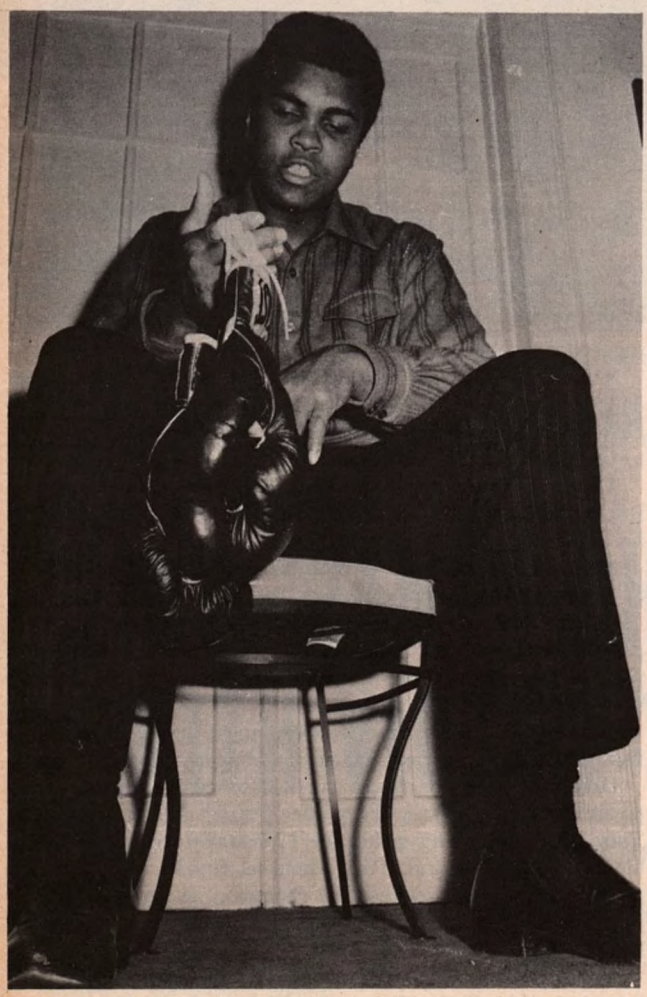
The offer to Frazier reminds older fight fans here of the time Shelby, Mont., a cow town, put on the Dempsey-Tom Gibbons title fight. The town went busted.

The fight was not one of the American ring classics, though veteran Gibbons hardly was a tyro Urtain in skill and experience. Tom was a clever antagonist but not a Dempsey-type hitter.

Durham, who is the czar of the Frazier camp, is said to be



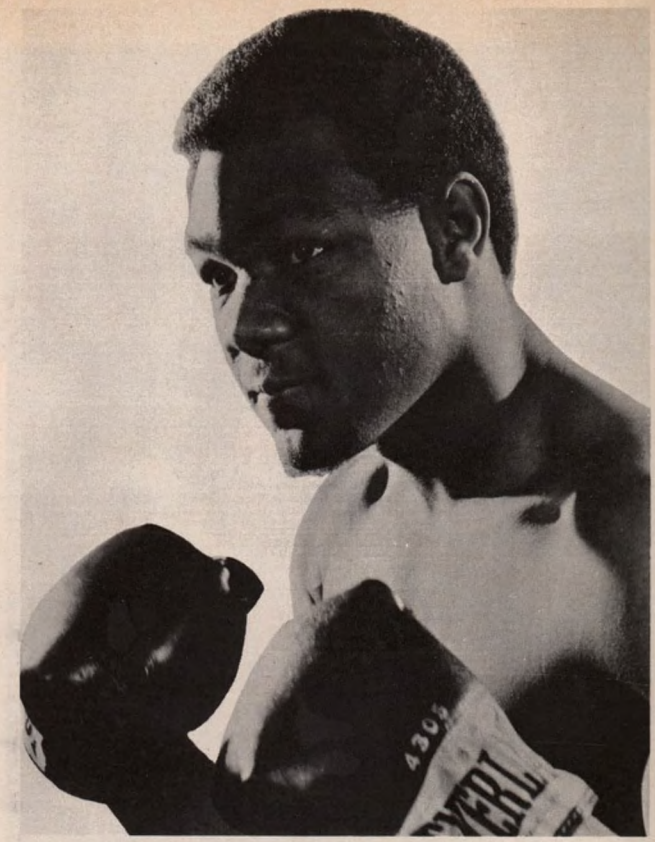
Quarry parries Foster's right with his left during the early going in their scheduled 10-rounder. Jerry, who said he would retire if he lost, is looking forward to meeting the winner of a possible Chuvalo-Foreman bout.



Cassius Clay appears to be seriously pondering his future here. The new Supreme Court ruling concerning draft exemptions for conscientious objectors could affect Clay, but most likely will not.

opposed to going out of the United States. In fact, out of New York. He talks about Bob Foster coming next on Joe's schedule.

In time the Frazier-Urtain situation doubtless will steam up for New York.



George Foreman, the 1968 Olympic heavyweight gold medal winner, is slated to meet George Chuvalo, with the victor going on to a match with Jerry Quarry.

Meanwhile the unsinkable Cassius Clay has returned to fistic discussion.

An irrevelent Supreme Court decision concerning conscientious objectors has been picked up in some quarters as a sure directive for freedom for Clay. His return to the ring as a challenger for the championship is being bandied about.

Actually, the Supreme Court decision has no bearing on the Clay Case. Federal Court judge Joe Ingraham, in the original trial in Houston, pointed out that Cassius had not claimed exemption as a CO or a lay preacher for Islam, until after he had received his draft notice. This, the judge stressed, was damning.

It would cause no surprise if, one of these years, Clay would become free to resume his boxing career. By that time he will be beyond the years of top class. The Supreme Court may be edging up to something on his situation.

A Clay-Frazier fight in the near future would revive the million dollar conversations of the Rickard heyday. It would have to come minus further collapses in Wall Street.

Conversation about a meeting of Frazier and Bob Foster is not exactly new stuff. It has been heard since the night Frazier knocked out Ellis.

Bob is a great light heavyweight. His height and reach, and his scientific boxing, doubtless would develop some problems for the Olympian. But Frazier would enter the ring a strong top choice against a fighter who has not been successful against heavyweights.

Foster's managerial involvements are reported to have been solved by the retirement of Mushky Salow and his replacement by the veteran Lou Viscusi.

Markson's plan appears to be the best on the tapis. But if Durham has promised Bob Foster a fight, that is that.

The fight in which Jerry Quarry revived his aspirations as a contender and Mac Foster was belted into the discard—at least for the time being—was one of the best ballyhooed affairs

Meanwhile, Joe Frazier has possible plans to take on light heavyweight king Bob Foster. In fact, there is also talk of a Frazier-Urtain meeting in Spain.

achieved by John Condon, the Garden P.R. man.

Condon dragged into the trimmings of the Quarry victory a premature celebration of Jack Dempsey's 75th birthday, and he did it big.

Jack's anniversary did not come until a week later. But the Garden cashed in on it in advance, and this helped no little in bringing out 15,915 paying customers, who turned in a neat if not gaudy $165,123.

But for the casualties in Wall Street, the program would have topped the $225,000 mark with ease.

Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Jack Sharkey, all former heavyweight champions, Georges Carpentier, who was knocked out by Jack at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, on July 2, 1921, in four rounds, and Joe Frazier held the spotlight in the ring.

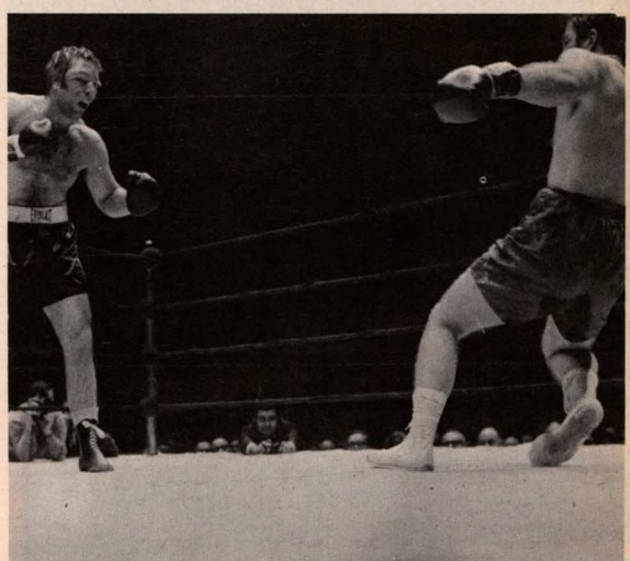
Then came a grand array—Lou Salica, Sandy Saddler, Phil Terranova, Carlos Ortiz, Jose Torres, George Chuvalo, Paul Berlenbach, Dick Tiger, Jake La Motta, Emile Griffith, Mickey Walker, Ben Jeby, Joey Giardello, Ismael Laguna, Willie Pep and Petey Scalzo.

Before the fight, impresario Condon put on a movie show, in which he reeled off the Dempsey-Willard and Dempsey-Firpo knockout victories of the Manassa Mauler, and his second loss to Tunney, at Chicago.

This part of the show could have been dispensed with. But it hurt nobody and appeared to please many. The ancient films were not very clear. They did show Dempsey belted out of the Polo Grounds ring by Firpo, and the Long Count, in which the film showed Tunney down for 14 seconds.

"It seems that boxing needs a show," Markson said. Right.

The fight itself was interesting, if not thrilling, in the first four rounds. They were split, with Foster stabbing away with



Quarry is about to hit the deck after Chuvalo threw a haymaker from the floor in their bout of last December. Jerry failed to beat the count, thus becoming a KO victim in the seventh round. Quarry is out for revenge and hopes to even the score with Chuvalo in the near future.

his left and Quarry getting in an occasional telling punch. counter-belting all the time.

Quarry was having trouble getting inside, and it was apparent that if he continued to fail in that direction he would be beaten.

However, things took a Quarry turn in the fifth round. They got in close for the first time.

Quarry got a cut over the *(Continued on page 39)*

URTAIN, NO YOKEL, LIKES FAST CARS AND ENJOYS LIFE

By JOSE ALVAREZ

MADRID, Spain—José Manuel Ibar Aspiazu, fighting as Urtain, is the European heavyweight champion by virtue of a seventh round KO over Peter Weiland. The plain fact does not need comment. Knockouts are simple and conclusive.

What needs explanation is what happened before and after this fight. The Basque reached his first goal, as he predicted to me about a year ago. Now he is dreaming on a larger scale.

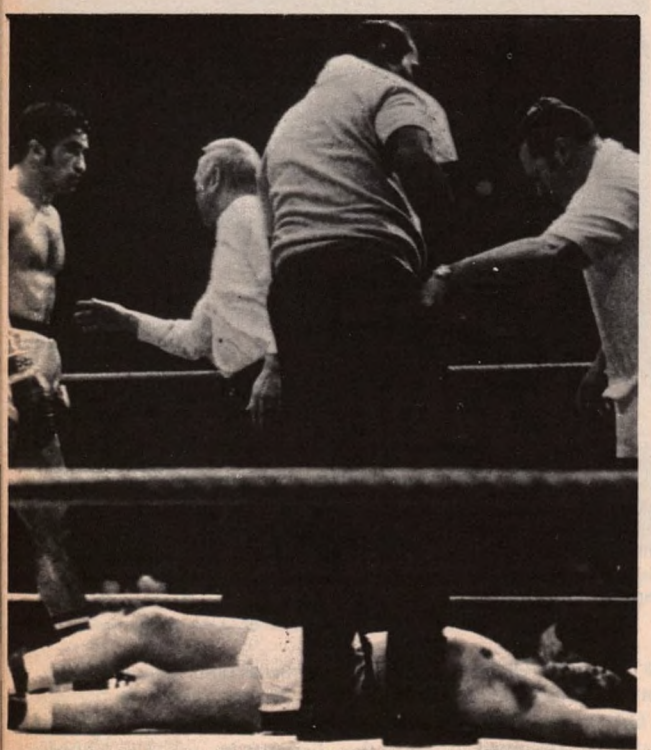
In a year, Urtain has changed managers and friends, mood and manners, cars and houses. But his potent left hook, explosive right and savage attitude have remained intact.

The Basques are a special breed in our heterogeneous Spain. Urtain, like his predecessor, Uzcudun, is not an exception to the type of what we call here "People from the North."

Extrovert and "bon vivant" on the surface, Urtain likes to have a good time, if possible, at all times. He's friendly, with a good quip for reporters and an alert eye for gals.

But he is cool and determined in his inner self, calculating and clever with money. He knows if and when he is short changed. It's difficult to gain his confidence and trust.

As a champion, and a unique one, of Basque Games, Jose Manuel has learned a lot about life, being continuously on the road during his years as a stone lifter. He knows how to take care of himself. He averaged around 90 stone lifts a year with the heavy stones, 220 to 400 pounds.



Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, the stonelifter, displays the muscles he was endowed with which enable him to perform his feats of strength as well as knock out opponents in the ring.

At 20, he was challenged for 250,000 pesetas, about 3,500 USA dollars, to compete with a man in lifting the 220-pound rock. Urtain had to do it ten more times, and with only one arm, while the other could do it with both. The time limit was one hour. He won it, although it was tight.

Jose Manuel has been very busy since he left school at 14. He was a metal factory worker until a furnace exploded and put him in a hospital for several months. He got scared and quit the job to go into construction work in a building project run by a relative. He began to alternate his job with stone lifting and later, teaming with with his brother Candido, won ever competition in which they appeared. Boxing came into the spotlight when he reached 25.

You can call the Urtain family a clan, it is composed of 10, plus mother. Six are boys and 4 girls. They are very close.

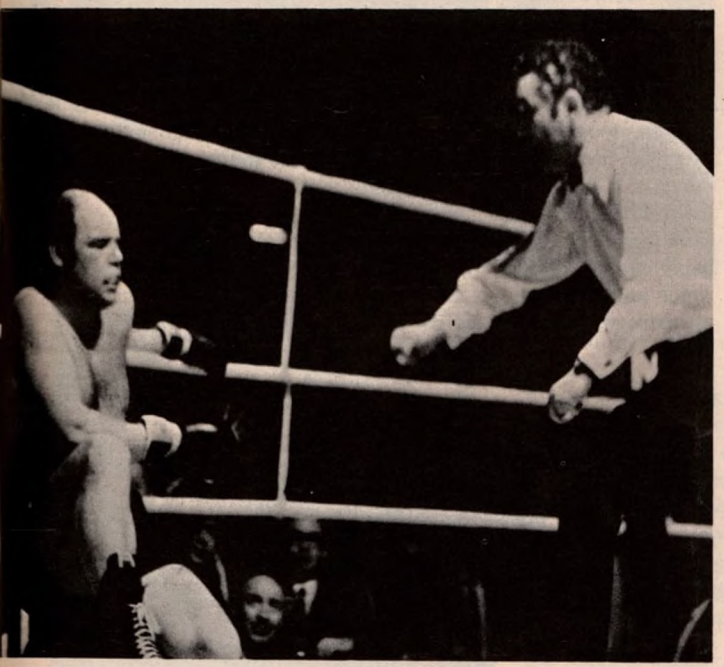
His father, who died eight years ago, used to lift a stone weighing 350 pounds, which by size and shape was extremely difficult to handle. Only three men were able to lift it in over a century—Urtain himself, his father and another man now dead. His father used to perform a trick if bets were raised. A good sized man in shoes would stomp on him from his tavern counter while he was stretched on the floor. This led to stomach ulcers, which also led to his drinking only milk in his later years.

Candido, next to him in brother line, is making a name for himself in the Florida (USA) Jai Alai circuit. Sister Antonia, 18 years old, lifts the 220 pound stone seven times.

Urtain is married to Cecilia Urbieta, and they have three children, José Manuel, six; Maria Jesus, 4; and baby Francísco. Cecilia is a shy girl who does not fully realize what is happening

Leslie Borden, Canadian heavyweight lies unconscious after being knocked out by Urtain. He was KO victim No. 27.

CAMEO OF NEW BASQUE IDOL



Peter Weiland is being counted out in the seventh round of his bout with Urtain, who thus captured the European heavyweight crown from the bald-headed German by virtue of the victory.

around these days. They were engaged since childhood. Urtain does not see his family as often as he wishes since he took up boxing, training facilities being in cities far from his village. He has fought very often, producing experience and wealth, part of it invested in real estate.

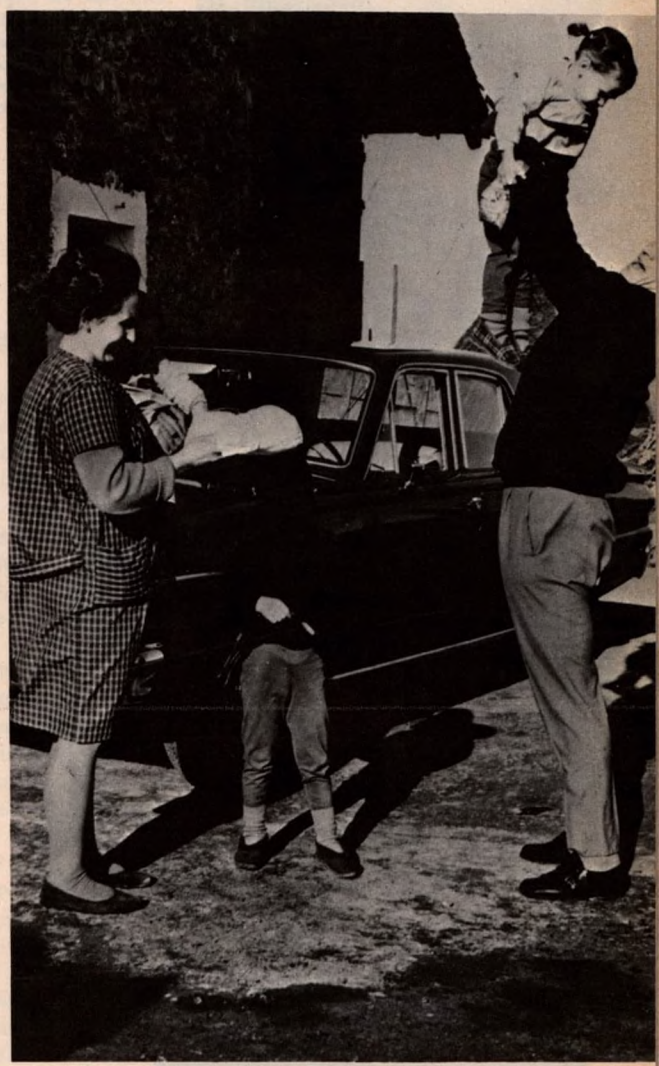
A man of few hobbies, José Manuel has a flair for Mexican songs and Western themes in movies. His fondness for cowboys and gunmen almost spelled disaster for him. When working as a mason he came close to a four-story dive when he hid out to read one of the Western thrillers. Fast cars are another weakness. He has been clever enough to trade cars without damage to his pocket.

Aggressiveness and power are his ring assets. José Manuel is radically a two-fisted fury. He has KOd all of his 28 opponents, the writer seeing 12 of his wins. After you see Urtain in action for one minute you expect the other man to fall. The Basque chops them down like tree trunks. His pace is unusual for a heavyweight, annihilating, and awe-inspiring.

Urtain spends no time studying the other man's style, no left hand jabs, he slugs from the first bell.

Peter Weiland found himself on the canvas from the first blow Urtain landed, and went down twice more before a fusillade of punches put him out for the night. Peter's experience let him last seven rounds, the longest distance Urtain has travelled.

The new champion of Europe learns fast. It will be two years in July since he made his debut, and he had never laced them up as an amateur. He punches, moves in and out and feints with effectiveness if not finesse. His defense is a bulldozing attack. His mentors had better not try to change his style because they would ruin it. He takes a punch well. His pride figures in keeping him erect.



Urtain plays with his little daughter as his wife holds baby and his little son has eye on camera.

The longest stint of training he has undergone was the preparation for the Weiland fight. Renzo Casadei, his manager then, hired George Gainford as adviser, and Nino Benvenuti's coach, Tony Caneo, as trainer.

Gainford brought with him two able fighters for sparring help, New England light heavy Dick Hall and Canadian Jean Claude Le Roy. His workouts with Hall were especially swift.

Although too many cooks filled the kitchen, Urtain profited from most of them. However, he remained too tense during the long preparation. Problems with Casadei, an Italian residing in Spain, who manages lightweight contender Pedro Carrasco, arose right after the title fight.

Urtain charged Casadei with getting a percentage of the profits in fights in which Jose was involved, Urtain also complained about Casadei's alleged effort *(Continued on page 40)*

THAT HEAVYWEIGHT JINX

By GEORGE GIRSCH

JOE Louis' admittance into a veterans' hospital in Denver for psychiatric treatment calls sharp attention to the jinx which, through the most important years of heavyweight history, has pursued titleholders and near-champions.

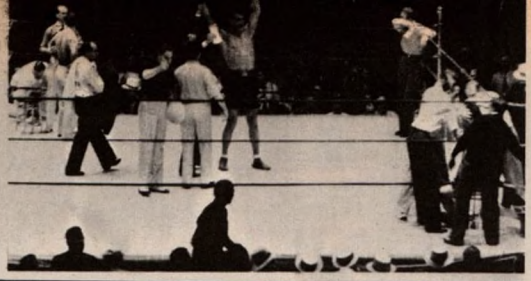
Evidences of the malign workings of the jinx go back well beyond the introduction of the glove era with the 1892 victory of Jim Corbett over John L. Sullivan.

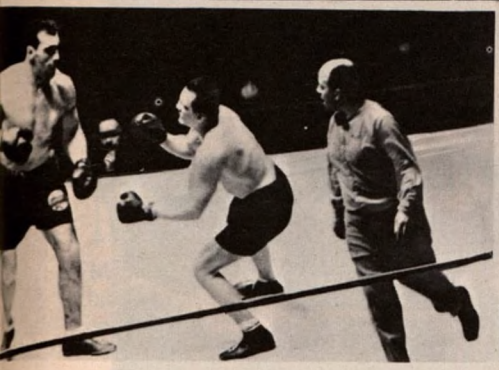
As far back as 1856, in San Francisco, there was the "mysterious" death of title contender Yankee Sullivan. After having been jailed by the Vigilantes, Yankee was found dead the following morning. Whether he had committed suicide, or had been killed by the Vigilantes, never was settled The committee did not pursue the search for clues very industriously.

Then, too, there was the death of former champion John Morrissey in 1878 at the early age of 47; the passing of onetime title holder John C. Heenan in 1873, when he was only 48; and the death of former champion Tom Hyer, in 1864, at 48.

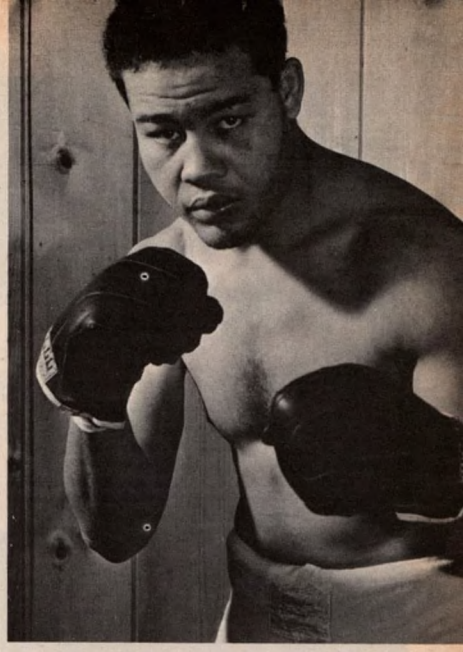
In sharp distinction to the fatalities which knocked out so many oldtime kings of the roped arena, and the serious ailments which now plague Louis and Ezzard Charles, a victim of lateral sclerosis, we have the sturdy confrontation of the 75-year-old

(Left) Cassius Clay, truly a victim of The Heavyweight Jinx, what with his involvement with the Black Muslims and draft troubles which led to his no longer holding the heavyweight championship. (Above) Ezzard Charles is ridden with lateral sclerosis, a far cry from the days when he was king of the realm.





(Left) Pity the poor giant. Primo Carnera, as he looked in his prime, when he was acclaimed heavyweight monarch after stopping Jack Sharkey in 1933, as he KO'd ill-fated Ernie Schaaf, who succumbed two days later, and in the ebbing days of his life in June, 1967. (Right) Joe Louis, circa 1942, the era of his glory. Recently, the old Brown Bomber was taken to a psychiatric hospital.



Retired undefeated heavyweight king Gene Tunney has been a victim of physical woes in recent years, topped by his daughter being held in England in the death of her husband.

Jack Dempsey to the challenges of Father Time.

Gene Tunney, Jack's successor, who retired unbeaten as the heavyweight champion, has not been so successful against the jinx. Gene has not been 100 percent physically in the last couple of years.

On top of that, Gene has suffered intense mental anguish through the misfortunes of his Europe-based daughter, who first disappeared and later became involved in a fatality.

For many years Tunney appeared to be one of the super-lucky ones. His marriage with Polly Lauder, his financial success as a ring retiree, his fine family, with one son in the House of Representatives and two others also eminently successful, Gene basked in the sunshine of felicitous living. Then came the clouds, and the storm.

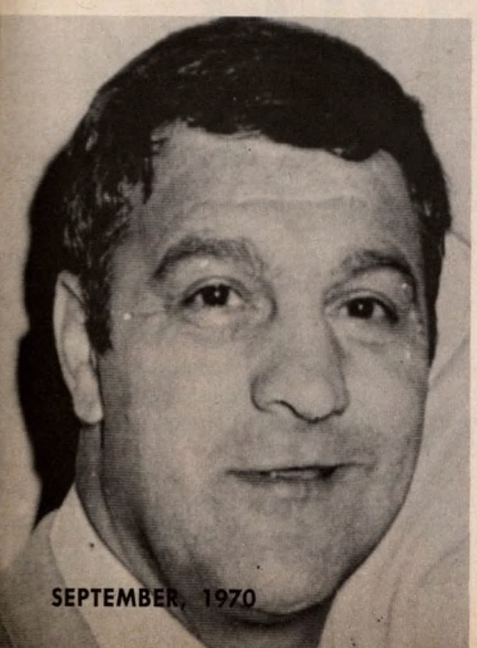
The heavyweight jinx never has operated with greater malignity on a fighter still capable of action than it has worked on Cassius Clay.

Out of the Olympics came a champion and a character. Boxing long had needed a spectacular, and never before had it conjured up anybody quite like this "poet," jingle composer and grand quipper from Louisville.

At 7 to 1 second choice against Sonny Liston for the heavyweight title, Clay sprang one of the biggest surprises in boxing history and stopped Floyd Patterson's Nemesis. There was a second fight with Sonny and this time Cassius won in even more spectacular fashion.

Boxing relished the tremendous injection of plasma, and new panegyrics arose from what had been a sodden field of dismay.

Jack Dempsey, shown giving a bit of instruction to a waiter in the New York restaurant which bears his name, has managed to beat The Heavyweight Jinx. The Manassa Mauler recently celebrated his 75th birthday.



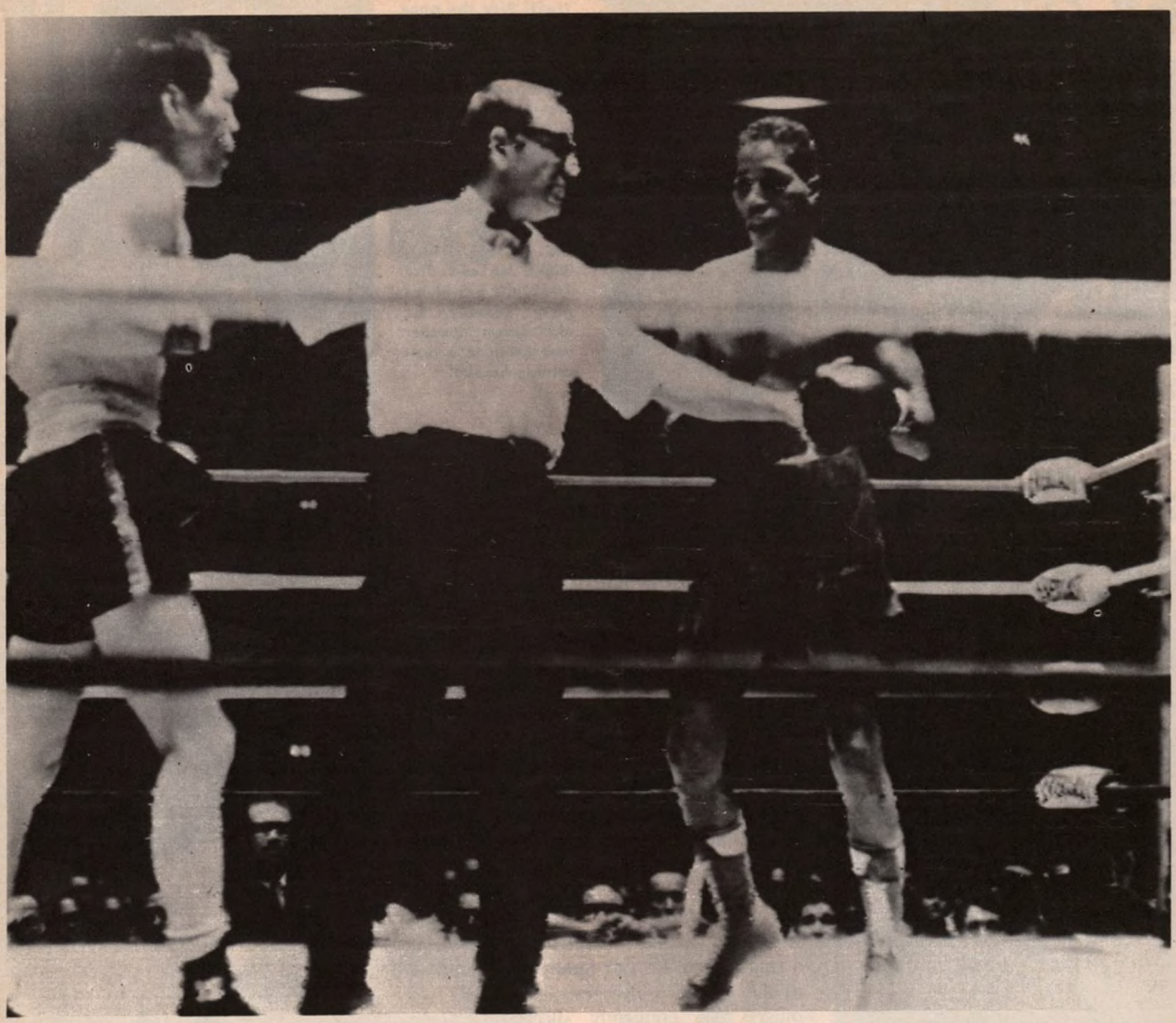
The late Rocky Marciano, retired unbeaten heavyweight champion, who was tragically killed last August 31 in the crash of a private plane near Newton, Iowa.

However, behind the merry scenes lurked the jinx. Cassius became involved with the Black Muslims, refused to accept a draft into the Army, was adjudged guilty of a felony in the Federal courts, and now awaits the final word on "five years and $10,000" from the Supreme Court.

No longer does the name of Cassius Clay appear in the niche reserved for the world's heavyweight champion. Joe Frazier has risen in his place. The jinx has scored another KO.

Never has the fatal touch been more destructive than it was in the case of the 46-year-old Rocky Marciano. He was killed in a private plane crash near Newton, Iowa, on August 31, 1969.

Like Gene Tunney, Marciano had retired unbeaten. Like Gene, Rocky had resisted efforts (*Continued on page 55*)



Referee Juval Horta steps between Ismael Laguna (right(and Ishimatsu Suzuki, signifying the end of hostilities in the 13th round of the lightweight championship bout, awarding the victory to defending titlist Laguna at 2:45 of the session at Panama.

MONEY SHOWER FOR LAGUNA AFTER TKO OVER SUZUKI

By HARRY McRAE

PANAMA City, Pan.—No longer in the real estate business in Brooklyn, Cain Young is advancing the wealth, prestige and well being of Ismael Laguna, lightweight champion of the world.

The Laguna bankroll picked up $60,000 and his record acquired another KO in the Nueve Panama Gymnasium when Ismael scored a 13-round TKO over Ishimatsu Suzuki.

The contest drew only 7,000 customers. There is talk of a return match, in Tokyo, for which Laguna is offered a guarantee of $70,000 and a chunk of an expected $30,000 from South American TV.

The Tokyo offer, made at ringside by Richie Inoue, of Fuji TV, is only one of many bids for the services of the man who took the lightweight title from Mando Ramos last March.

Spain offers $100,000 for a Madrid fight with Pedro Carrasco, lightweight champion of Europe. Jack Solomons, in London also mention big figures for a Buchanan fight.

There is a South American bid of $60,000 for a match with the veteran Flash Elorde.

Suzuki was well behind in the scoring when referee Juval Horta stopped the fight at 2:45 of the 13th, with the Japanese gory and whipped, unable to defend himself.

However, the bout hardly was a romp for Laguna. Suzuki proved tough, combative and game. Neither man was decked.

The referee's card had it 120-108 at the point of stoppage.

Judge Humberto Cordono saw it 119-111 and judge Carlos Tapia's card showed 120-107. Your correspondent had it 119-112.

Each boxer hit the beam at 135 pounds. Laguna, one of the most accomplished boxers in the business, started jabbing at the opening bell, and he kept concentrating on the face of the Japanese.

As early as the third round Suzuki began to fight the handicap of a bleeding nose, and impaired vision, as Ismael popped first

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FAMECHON QUITS BOXING TO ENJOY LIFE, CAR RACING

The high moment of Johnny Famechon's fistic life occurred when he defeated Jose Legra and was generally recognized as world featherweight king after doing so.

By RAY MITCHELL

MELBOURNE, Australia, Handsome unmarked Johnny Famechon gave out his boyish grin. "I'm no Madame Melba," he said. "I won't be back. I'm as fit as ten men but I've had enough.

"If some bloke were to phone me and offer me $150,000 for a fight I'd tell him I'm sorry."

The former world featherweight champion had called a press conference in Melbourne to announce his retirement from boxing.

"A lot of people may say I'm throwing money away," he went on, "and maybe I am, but I'm quite happy with the way I'm set up right now.

"The money I've made is spread around. I'm set for life so now I'm going to catch up on some living while my investments look after me."

Fammo would not say how much he was worth or how much he had earned from boxing. But estimates of the latter figure place the mark at more than a quarter of a million dollars. In fact, in a careless moment he stated a few months ago that he could sign his name to a check for almost that amount.

"Boxers retire every day," said Johnny. "Baybe they're a bit older than 25, but I reckon there'll soon be someone along to take my place."

He grew serious for a moment. "The decision to retire wasn't easy. Ambrose Palmer (his manager-trainer) and I had a long talk about it last week and we agreed that I could go on for another couple of years and probably do well. But I figured that anything I did would only be retracing my steps. That prospect did not appeal to me.

"Look at me. There's not a mark on me to show for a career that lasted through nine years and took in 67 fights including the winning of a world title, two successful defenses and the losing of that title.

"I reached the pinnacle and I fell from that pinnacle. It was a lot of hard work getting there and I don't think my heart would be in it for a second try."

It certainly was a lot of hard work. This son of Andre, nephew of Ray and Emile, joined Ambrose Palmer's Melbourne gymnasium at the age of 15 and became the most dedicated boxer in the business.

He began his career on June 7, 1961, (he never engaged in an amateur fight) in a three-round contest that resulted in a draw. He worked his way through the prelim ranks, reaching main-event status in his 16th contest.

On the way he lost one, but reversed the decision.

In his 22nd bout he won the Australian featherweight title by outpointing Ollie Taylor, brother of former Australian featherweight champion, Wally. That was on September 18, 1964.

On November 24, 1967, he won the British Empire title by stopping Johnny O'Brien in the 11th round.

On January 21, 1969, he outpointed Jose Legra in London for the world featherweight title. The result was regarded as an upset in England and around the outside world, but it didn't surprise many Australians.

On July 28, 1969, he made his first defense. That was at Sydney Stadium, and the bout went down in history because two verdicts were given that night. Referee Willie Pep (the only official) crowned both Fammo and Fighting Harada—a draw. But examination of Pep's scorecard showed errors in addition. When the figures were reviewed the card showed Fammo the winner by one point.

As I saw it, Fammo won by two points.

On January 6th of this year, Famechon went to Tokyo to defend against Harada again. This time there were no doubts. Fammo won by a knockout in the 14th round.

Johnny reached his peak that night. He used his right hand more than he ever had. He has a good right but usually kept it by him only as an ornament, relying on his snaking straight left and whip-like left

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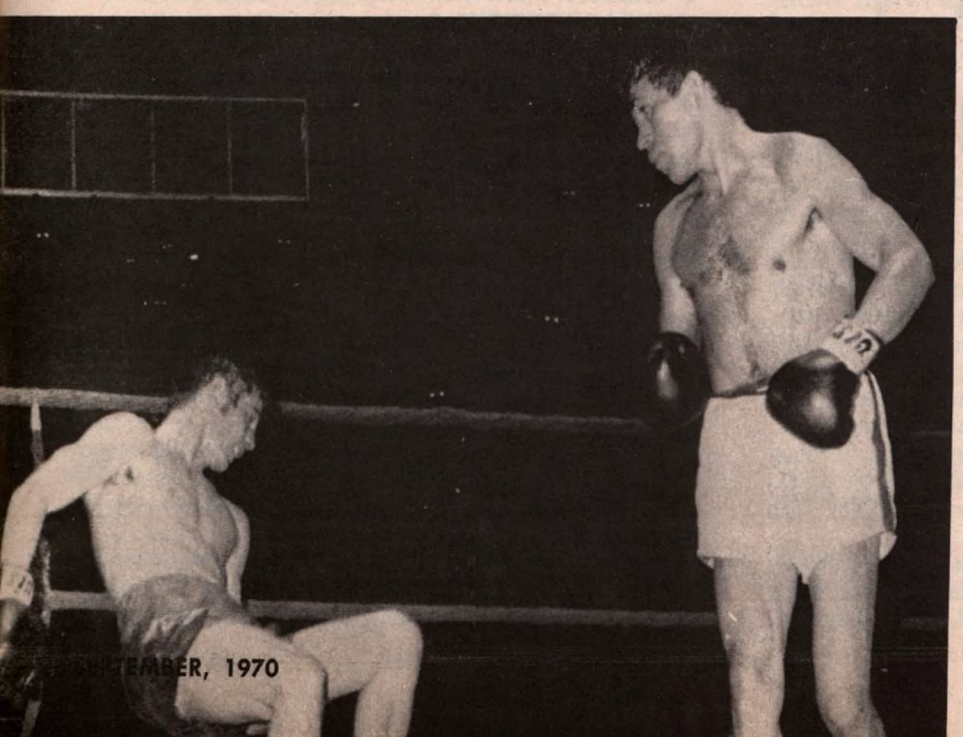


In Johnny's last fight before he announced his retirement from competition we see him about to hit the canvas in the eighth round after being hit solidly by Vicente Saldivar, who went on to regain the 126-pound diadem via a 15-round nod in Rome, Italy.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 16, 1970

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—**JERRY QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—**OSCAR BONAVENA**, Argentina
3—**GEORGE CHUVALO**, Canada
4—**MAC FOSTER**, Fresno, Calif.
5—**JIMMY ELLIS**, Louisville, Ky.
6—**HENRY COOPER**, England
7—**JOSE IBAR URTAIN**, Spain
8—**SONNY LISTON**, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—**GEORGE FOREMAN**, Hayward, Calif.
10—**BOONE KIRKMAN**, Seattle, Wash.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1—**DICK TIGER**, Nigeria
2—**JIMMY DUPREE**, Jersey City, N.J.
3—**VICENTE RONDON**, Venezuela
4—**HAL CARROLL**, Syracuse, N. Y.
5—**ANDY KENDALL**, Portland, Ore.
6—**MARK TESSMAN**, Houston, Texas
7—**PIERO DEL PAPA**, Italy
8—**GOMEO BRENNAN**, Bahamas
9—**YVAN PREBEG**, Yugoslavia
10—**CHARLIE GREEN**, New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NINO BENVENUTI, Italy
1—**EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
2—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, Miami Beach, Fla.
3—**FREDDIE LITTLE**, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—**DENNY MOYER**, Portland, Ore.
5—**TOM BOGS**, Denmark
6—**JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
7—**DON FULLMER**, West Jordan, Utah
8—**DOYLE BAIRD**, Akron, O.
9—**FRASER SCOTT**, Seattle, Wash.
10—**RALPH PALLADIN**, Baltimore, Md.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**PERCY PUGH**, New Orleans, La.
2—**JOHANN ORSOLICS**, Austria
3—**DONATO PADUANO**, Canada
4—**RAUL SORIANO**, Mexico
5—**BILLY BACKUS**, Syracuse, N.Y.
6—**HEDGEMON LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
7—**MANUEL GONZALEZ**, Odessa, Texas
8—**ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—**PETE TORO**, Puerto Rico
10—**PAUL FUJII**, Honolulu, Hawaii

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina
1—**BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
2—**ENRIQUE JANA**, Argentina
3—**ADOLPH PRUITT**, St. Louis, Mo.
4—**JOAO HENRIQUE**, Brazil
5—**TURK KAMACI**, Austria
6—**JIMMY ROBERTSON**, San Francisco, Cal.
7—**EDDIE PERKINS**, Chicago, Ill.
8—**ELY YARES**, Philippines
9—**HORACIO SALDANO**, Argentina
10—**RODOLFO GONZALEZ**, Long Beach, Cal.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ISMAEL LAGUNA, Panama
1—**PEDRO CARRASCO**, Spain
2—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ**, Venezuela
3—**MANDO RAMOS**, Long Beach, Calif.
4—**SUGAR RAMOS**, Mexico
5—**RAUL MONTOYA**, Mexico
6—**MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ**, Spain
7—**KEN BUCHANAN**, Scotland
8—**CHO YOUNG CHOUL**, Korea
9—**AL FORD**, Canada
10—**ANTHONY MORODI**, South Africa

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROSHI KOBAYASHI, Japan
1—**RUBEN NAVARRO**, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—**ANTONIO AMAYA**, Panama
3—**YOSHIAKI NUMATA**, Japan
4—**FRANKIE CRAWFORD**, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—**SAMMY GOSS**, Trenton, N.J.
6—**RENE BARRIENTOS**, Philippines
7—**ALTON COLTER**, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—**SILVERO ORTIZ**, Mexico
9—**ARMANDO MENDOZA**, Venezuela
10—**HIROSHI SHOJI**, Japan

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
VICENTE SALDIVAR, Mexico
1—**SHOZO SAIJYO**, Japan
2—**ANTONIO GOMEZ**, Venezuela
3—**RAUL CRUZ**, Mexico
4—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA**, Japan
5—**CRUZ MARCANO**, Venezuela
6—**JOSE LUIS PIMENTEL**, San Antonio, Tex.
7—**JOSE LEGRA**, Spain
8—**EDER JOFRE**, Brazil
9—**FERNANDO SOTELO**, Mexico
10—**TOMMASO GALLI** Italy

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
1—**ALAN RUDKIN**, England
2—**CHUCHO CASTILLO**, Mexico
3—**TAKAO SAKURAI**, Japan
4—**FRANCO ZURLO**, Italy
5—**KAZUYOSHI KANAZAWA**, Japan
6—**RODOLFO MARTINEZ**, Mexico
7—**JESUS PIMENTEL**, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**ROGELIO LARA**, Mexico
9—**JULIO GUERRERO**, Mexico
10—**RAMON BRAVO**, Venezuela

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
1—**BERKRERK CHARTVANCHAI**, Thailand
2—**ALACRAN EFREN TORRES**, Mexico
3—**BERNABE VILLACAMPO**, Philippines
4—**OCTAVIO GOMEZ**, Mexico
5—**LORENZO GUTIERREZ**, Mexico
6—**SUSUMU HANAGATA**, Japan
7—**FERMIN GOMEZ**, Mexico
8—**MASAO OHBA**, Japan
9—**FERNANDO ATZORI**, Italy
10—**FELIX MARQUEZ**, Venezuela

JERRY QUARRY FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

AS an important consequence of his decisive sixth-round knockout of MacArthur Foster, Jerry Quarry achieved the Fighter of the Month distinction and, what's more important, the No. 1 contender position in the heavyweight class.

Foster entered the Madison Square Garden ring in New York with the No. 1 label, behind world champion Joe Frazier. In the sixth round a badly whipped, gory Foster came tumbling out of the ring under Quarry's fierce fusillade, and the heavyweight ratings underwent quite a revision. Here is how they now stand:

Champion, Joe Frazier; contenders: No. 1, Jerry Quarry; 2, Oscar Bonavena; 3, George Chuvalo; 4, Mac Foster; 5, Jimmy Ellis; 6, Henry Cooper; 7, Jose Urtain; 8, Sonny Liston; 9, George Foreman; 10, Boone Kirkman.

Bonavena now is right back in the going for important contention.

Ellis, not so long ago a title contender, has been dropped from No. 3 to 5 because he had done nothing since his KO by Frazier, and is reported to be considering retirement from action and transfer to managing.

Quarry's jump from No. 4, as he wore down jabbing Foster, was one of the dramatic highlights of the boxing year. The sixth round went into the archives as a candidate for the Round of the Year designation.

The light heavyweight ratings lack high interest because of the inactivity of some of the Top Ten. This will be reviewed thoroughly in our next issue. Meanwhile, Dick Tiger and Jimmy Dupree continue to lead the pack, with Vicente Rondon moving into 3, Hal Carroll 4, and Andy Kendall 5.

The new middleweight ratings show demotion from No. 1 contender for the warhorse Luis Rodriguez. His place has gone to Emile Griffith, with Luis second and Freddie Little third.

The welterweight division has undergone drastic revision. Inactive Manny Gonzalez, long carried at the top of the contender list, has been dropped all the way to No. 7, with Percy Pugh preempting the No. 1 location, Johann Orsolics 2, and Donato Paduano third. Billy Backus finally has arrived at 5.

A change among the featherweights was made mandatory by the retirement of former champion Johnny Famechon. The No. 1 contender continues to be Shozo Saijyo, but Tony Gomez is the new No. 2, and Raul Cruz 3.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Dick Stevens Binghamton, N.Y.	6/69	6	6	0	0	4
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bob Haye Galion, Ohio	9/68	6	5	1	0	5
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Tony Licata Tampa, Fla.	5/69	11	11	0	0	5
WELTERWEIGHT						
Giles Williams Philadelphia, Pa.	12/69	6	6	0	0	3
LIGHTWEIGHT						
John Quintella Los Angeles, Cal.	2/70	4	4	0	0	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Hector McBride Tampa, Fla.	8/69	11	11	0	0	7
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Eddie Garces New York, N.Y.	9/69	5	4	1	0	0
FLYWEIGHT						
Enzo Farinelli Italy	2/67	21	18	2	1	1

Der Mox, Once Champion, Still Germany's No. 1 Idol

By TED CARROLL

LUIS Firpo in the Argentine and Georges Carpentier in France had their German prototype in Max Schmeling. Ever since the sport took hold in that country, during the post World War I American and British Army occupation, boxing there has centered about the big fellows.

The nation's first heavyweight champion, Hans Breitenstraeter, attracted some attention on the continent but never ventured overseas or attained world class.

Schmeling's appearance on the scene as a promising light heavyweight in the early twenties, and his subsequent winning of the heavyweight championship gave the boxing picture in Germany a heavyweight frame which has persisted through the years. This concentration on the bigger men has limited the Teutonic world title roster to Schmeling, solo.

The former heavyweight king is also the only German fighter who might properly be called a national hero. The Germans, one of the less demonstrative of the nationalities, have rarely reached the levels of enthusiasm over their ringmen common to the French, Italians, or Mexicans, for example. With but one world champion to pedestal, a German Boxing Hall of Fame is largely confined to those who demonstrated their abilities to handle international competition.

These would include, Besides Schmeling, Walter Neusel, Franz Diener, Karl Mildenberger and Hein ten Hoff, heavyweights; Adolph Heuser, Bubi Scholz and Max Diekmann, lightheavyweights; and Erich Seelig middleweight.

For world-wide renown, none of this group belongs in the same paragraph with Schmeling who, besides being the only German champion, was one of the most controversial figures in boxing history.

The disputation which dogged his footsteps for so many years is at complete odds with his personality, which is that of a courtly, continental gentleman. The man from Hamburg was caught in a whirlpool of events which kept his career at an uneven keel through his heyday.

The heaviest of his burdens was the Hitler regime, but even prior to the Nazi takeover, complications—mainly managerial—plagued the German champion. Schmeling no sooner had stepped off the gangplank in New York on his first U.S. visit in 1928 when he was tagged The German Dempsey by some nearsighted nicknamer. This precipitated a mad stampede by American fight managers after the job of U.S. representative for the German heavyweight champion who was then handled by German Arthur Von Bulow.

This free-for-all took in Charley Rose, who got to Von Bulow first; Pete Reilly, Humbert J. Fugazy, Joe Jacobs and Billy McCarney. Ring Magazine Editor Nat Fleischer spotted Schmeling in Europe and got a signed agreement from this likely prospect.

When the smoke cleared, Von Bulow was still in the saddle with Charley Rose a minor shareholder and Jacobs hovering menacingly about. Jacobs eventually outmaneuvered everyone by winding up in control of the fighter, with German Max Machon going along for the ride.

For frugality, Max Schmeling ran Luis Angel Firpo a close second and, like the Wild Bull, he had trouble reconciling his thriftiness with the managerial cut of 33⅓ percent.

This had been at the bottom of his managerial mixups. Schmeling soon established his contendership for the heavyweight title with victories over tough Johnny Risko and rugged Paolino Uzcudun. Jack Sharkey posed the final obstacle in his path toward retired Gene Tunney's vacated title. In this match, one of the most controversial of the decade, Schmeling was declared the world heavyweight champion while squatting on the canvas bleating "Foul."

Manager Joe Jacobs generally gets credit for yelling the German into the title. He got considerable assistance from the noted Hearst newspaper editor Arthur Brisbane that evening back in 1930 in New York. Brisbane, a man of authoritarian presence, erupted from his seat as the German lay on the floor and in a tone fraught with foreboding charged referee Jim Crowley to "Give Schmeling the fight or I'll kill boxing in this state!"

The manner of his triumph left much to be desired, but a year later, in Cleveland, Schmeling proved he was of championship class with one of his best performances, against W. L. (Young) Stribling.

Stribling was an excellent fighter, with nothing at stake. But with a championship on the line he would become strangely futile. With Strib floored by Schmeling in the 15th round, the bout was stopped by referee George Blake with just two seconds remaining.

Often called the Black Uhlan by U.S. sportswriters, Max found the dark shadow of controversy complementing this nom-de-guerre.

Schmeling lost his championship to Jack Sharkey in Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Island City. Long vanished from the metropolitan landscape, this sprawling wooden arena was haunted by one of the most potent hoodoos in sports history. No champion ever defended his laurels successfully there.

Schmeling was no exception, although the decision which dethroned him was widely disputed as most onlookers thought he had a substantial edge at the finish of the 15-rounder.

Later that same year 1932, Schmeling came up with another good showing when he stopped overambitious Mickey Walker in Brooklyn. Walker was a great middleweight but was no match for the German heavyweight.

1933 was a fateful year for Schmeling. In his native Germany, the drums of militarism and the lash of persecution heralded the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich. This development threatened to make Schmeling persona non grata in the United States. On top of this he was knocked out by Max Baer. In this upset, some close observers detected a loss of initiative on the part of Schmeling when his best punches failed to have any effect on the iron-chinned Baer.

Schmeling's days as a top-flighter appeared to be numbered when he was decisioned by up and-coming Steve Hamas in Philadelphia early in 1934, but he bounced back to stop arch-rival Walter Neusel in Hamburg later in the year.

In evening the score against *(Continued on page 38)*

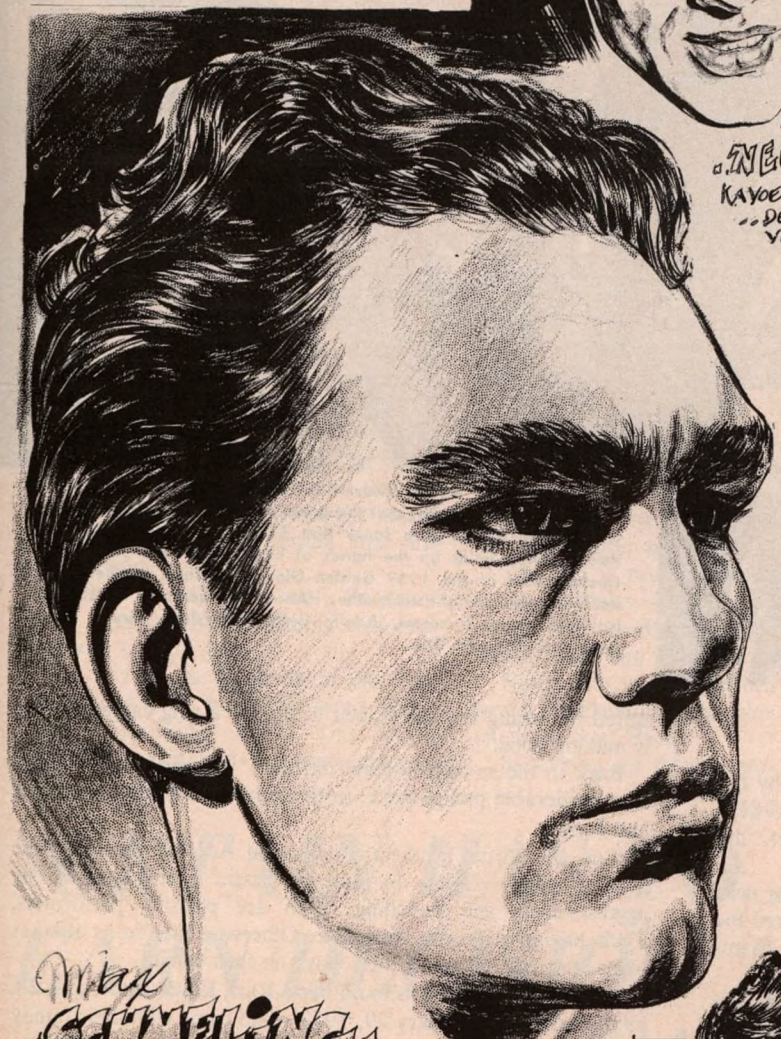
Milden-berger Best Since Schmeling

First War Caused Ring Boom

..HEINTEN HOFF GERMAN HEAVY CHAMP.. FOUGHT JERSEY JOE WALCOTT BACK IN 1950..!

Walter "NEUSEL"

KAYOED BY SCHMELING IN 1934..! ..DEFEATED HIM 14 YEARS LATER..



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Adolph "HEUSER" LIGHTHEAVY.. ..CAMPAIGNED IN THE U.S. WITH SUCCESS..BUT FAILED IN TITLE BID..!

Gustave "BUBI" SCHOLZ ..WAS ONE OF GERMANY'S BEST..!

..KARL ..MILDENBERGER EUROPEAN CHAMPION FOUGHT FOR THE WORLD'S TITLE..!

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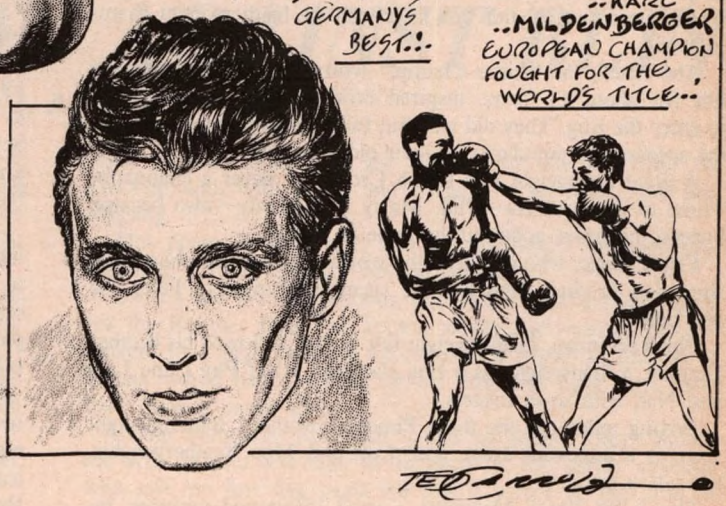

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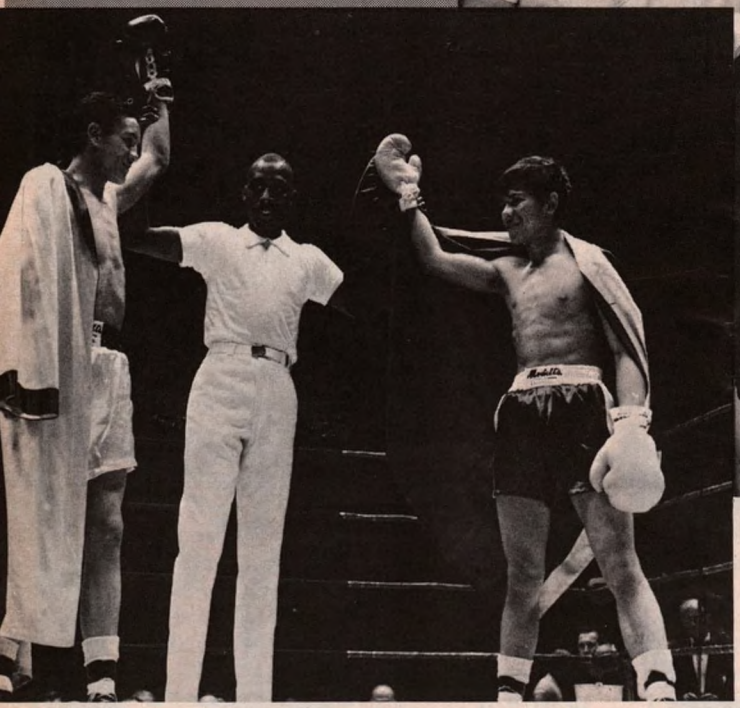
Viruets May Join Other Successful Ring Brothers



(Top) Edwin and Adolfo Viruet flank their brother, Dorman, who was a featherweight but quit the game. Edwin is a sparkling lightweight and Adolfo is a fancy dan 126-pounder. (Left) Referee Randy Sandy holds up the hands of Edwin (left) and Adolfo as co-champions of the 1969 Golden Gloves in which brothers are not permitted to fight each other. (Above) A couple of boys with brilliant futures it seems, Adolfo (left) and Edwin Viruet, who were born in Puerto Rico.

By FRED EISENSTADT

THROUGHOUT fistic history, youngsters inspired by the success of older brothers have followed in their footsteps and generally have made good. Mostly, however, the original scrappers were the brighter.

Phil McGovern was a good ringman but was nowhere near as great as his older brother "Terrible" Terry, who garnered the world bantamweight title and later won the featherweight championship.

Abe Attell, the "Little Champ," who held the featherweight title for about 11 years, inspired brothers Monte and Caesar to enter the ring. They did well but failed to gain anywhere near the success and popularity of their older brother.

A great lightweight was Leach Cross, but never a champion. Three of his brothers—Phil, Marty and Monty—also became boxers, but never acquired the fame of Leach.

Fritzie Zivic, who captured the world welterweight championship, had brothers who became successful ringmen, Pete, Joe and Eddie.

Phil Terranova, featherweight title holder, followed his brother Frankie, a lightweight, as a ring gladiator. After Phil came Jack and Nat, with so-so success.

Boxing today are the three Pimentel brothers. Bantamweight Jesus is a knockout artist. Jose Luis and Fino, featherweights, are not as good.

David "El Toro" Melendez, a good 150-pound scrapper, inspired his young brother Ruben to pursue a ring career. Ruben is making good.

Back in the so-called "good old days" we had twin brothers, of considerable prominence, in the ring—the Sullivans—Mike and Jack .

Now the Viruet brothers, Edwin and Adolfo, move into the fistic limelight—Edwin by dint of classic boxing, Adolfo by aggressiveness and punching. Both are pleasing performers. Their boxing styles are dissimilar. Otherwise they're as alike as twins—in their tastes, in their ways, in their habits.

Both were born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Edwin on August 20, 1950; Adolfo on January 29, 1952—and came with their family to New York when they were small. There were ten children. Seven are living. "I dropped out of school while in the eighth grade," revealed Edwin, "because I was impatient to become a boxer."

Some time later Edwin became acquainted with Joe De Maria, told him about his ring ambition, and that he needed someone to handle him. De Maria served in the Army in 1944, and boxed in Calcutta, India, for the All-Service featherweight championship. He lost and undertook to train Edwin. Currently Joe is busy with three more Viruets—Jose, Dorman and Adolfo.

"In May, 1968, with the assistance of Pat De Vito," Joe revealed, "I opened a gymnasium, small but neat, in the basement of 785 Westchester Avenue, the Bronx. I opened it specifically to train my own stable of fighters, but others work out there also—about 18 *(Continued on page 44)*

Bogs' World Title Bubble Easily Burst by Griffith

By J. A. TREE

COPEHAGEN, Denmark — Tom Bogs is not going to New York. Not in the planned future. His fight here with Emile Griffith, in which Tom was decked in the sixth and tenth rounds, and Emile got the decision from British referee Harry Gibbs by the comfortable margin of 48 to 41, did Bogs no good.

The fight worked very badly against Bogs, who was beaten for the first time in 55 fights, and who hit the deck for the first time in his career.

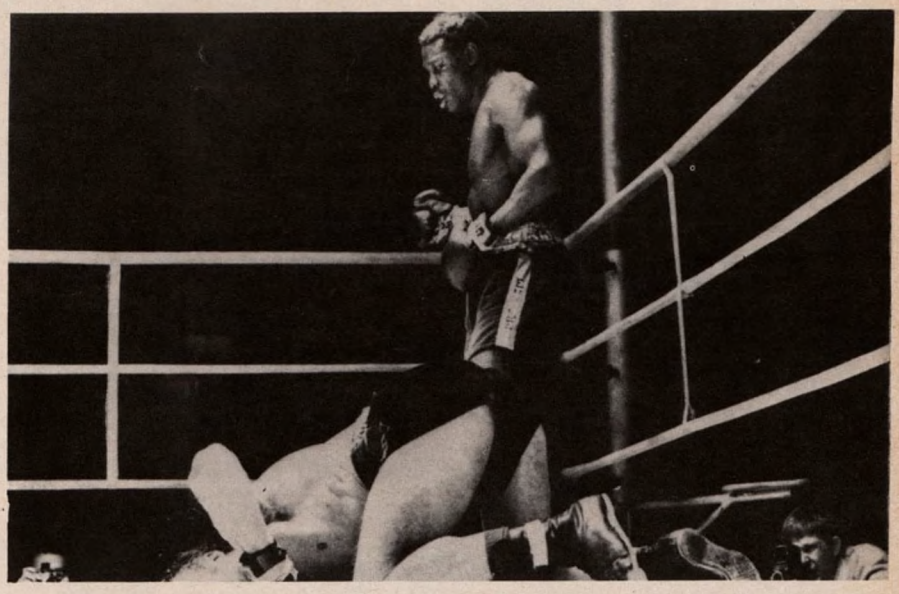
There was no question about comparative class. Bogs showed considerable skill and a lot of gameness. But he was no match for the veteran Griffith, even though Emile emphatically no longer is the fighter who beat Nino Benvenuti in 1967.

Griffith weighed 159 pounds while his rival hit the beam at 165.

The Griffith side announced that the success against the middleweight champion of Europe gave Emile first call against Nino.

Griffith already has met Benvenuti thrice, with the Italian gaining two decisions and Griffith one.

The way things shape up in the U.S., the Garden may be maneuvered into a fourth Nino-Emile affair. This would throw the match into the series category which used to be so common in the days of Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis.



Tom Bogs hits the canvas in the sixth round of his middleweight contest at Copenhagen against ex-160-pound king Emile Griffith. Bogs was floored again in the tenth session. Griffith received the nod after the ten-rounder and is seeking a fourth bout with current titleholder Nino Benvenuti.

The fact is that Benvenuti has cleaned up the middleweight field, and a fourth match with Griffith is the only one that would make any money.

Nino's KO of Tom Bethea showed the world middleweight champion to be back on the serious track.

In scoring his 63rd victory, as against 11 defeats, Griffith was cool, superior in every department, and showed some of the old Griffith class.

At age 25, Bogs had seven years on the American.

The Bogs camp had regarded victory over Griffith as a certainty. There had been correspondence with New York. But now the good looking bricklayer doesn't quite know which way he is going.

URTAIN HAS TO FIGHT 15 TO EARN DECISION AGAINST BLIN

By J. A. TREE

BARCELONA, Spain—Now we have the spectacle of Jose Urtain being forced to fight for victory. His string of knockouts, which had reached 30, was broken here against Jurgen Blin, in Jose's first defense of the heavyweight championship of Europe.

A sellout crowd of more than 20,000 saw Urtain get a close decision in a gory, fierce 15-round battle in the Barcelona bull ring.

They belted each other all over the ring, and Blin had the Basque strong man close to a knockout from the eighth to the 12th round.

The champion hit the deck for the first time in his career in the tenth round. Blin also was floored in that session.

A terrific right to the jaw sent Urtain down for a count of eight. It was his first big test as a fighter. He tore after the German and, with a left and a right to the head, sent Blin toppling.

This phase, in particular, sent the fans crazy and they kept shouting "Urtain, Urtain," beyond control.

During the first five rounds Blin looked like a poor match for the Basque. Then the Teuton awoke and aroused the onlookers to a high pitch of excitement. It began to look as if Urtain would have to fight for his title, and fight hard. And that's how it came about.

Urtain eventually won. But it was no picnic. Harry Smith, the Scot referee, was right in his decision, but hardly anybody who saw the first five heats felt that it would go the limit of 45 minutes.

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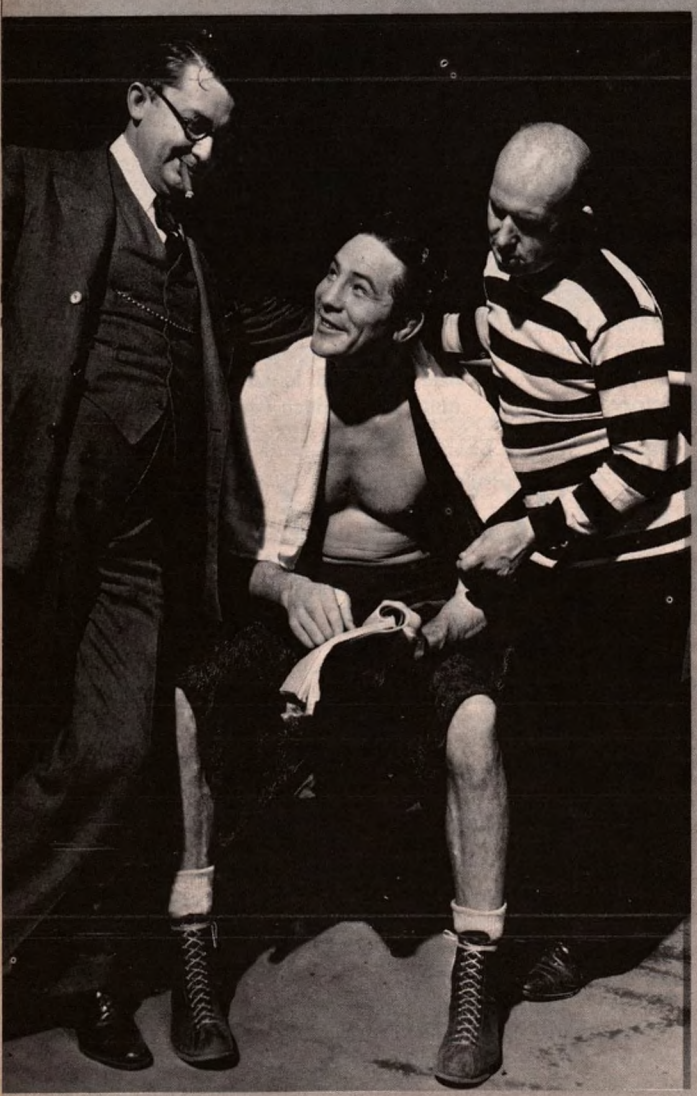
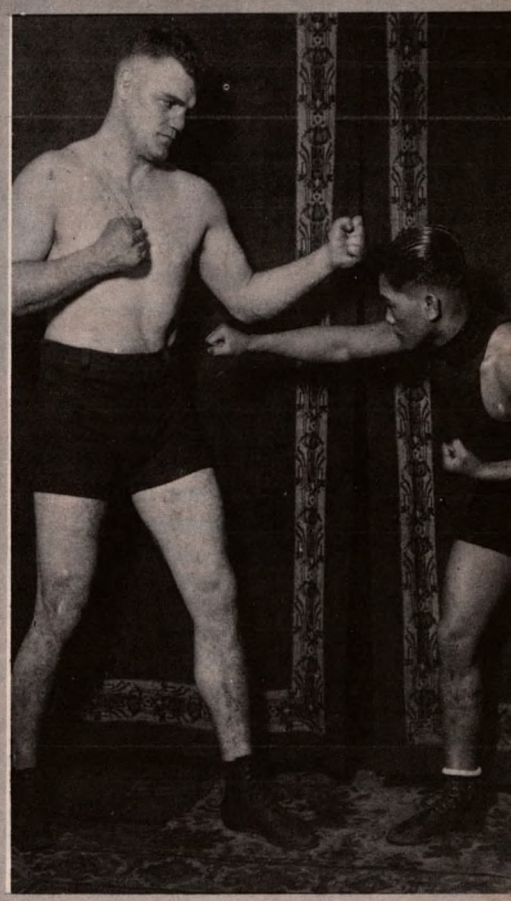
CANDID HISTORY

Here is a photo taken in the late Twenties in Berlin of Max Schmeling breakfasting with his mother. In the future was the winning of the heavyweight title by Der Mox in 1930 and his knockout of Joe Louis in 1936. There was also to be a fellow named Hitler who would take over Nazi Germany.



(Left) On the set of the motion picture "The Prizefighter and the Lady," circa 1933, Max Baer shows Jean Hersholt a few amusing lines in the script as Vince Barnett looks on. Baer became heavyweight king a year later by knocking out Primo Carnera, who also had a part in the film which starred Baer. (Above) Ex-light heavyweight champion Paul Berlenbach was a real dog fancier in days of yore. Here he is with Shorty, which he exhibited at the Southampton Kennel Club Show during the mid-Twenties.

(Left) Quick now, which former heavyweight king was this, all dressed up like a dandy on a very special boyhood day? Yep, it's the Cinderella Man, James J. Braddock, heavyweight champion of the world from 1935 to 1937. (Above) No Babe Ruth and not even a Joe Pepitone was the lefty-swinging Primo Carnera in 1935 when the ex-heavyweight monarch trained at Orangeburg, N.Y., for his meeting with another giant, Ray Impelliterre, whom Da Preem halted in nine rounds.



(Left) Then welterweight king Barney Ross gets a great big charge out of Izzy Kaplan, long time photographer of the defunct New York Mirror, dressed as Santa Claus during a fun session at Grossinger's where Ross trained for Jimmy McLarnin in 1935. (Above) This 1922 photo shows heavyweight Bill Brennan, who had fought Dempsey in 1920, posing with future flyweight king Pancho Villa. The Filipino knocked out Jimmy Wilde for the crown in 1923 but succumbed to blood poisoning in 1925.

Q & A QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Q. Is it possible for the ringside doctor to stop a fight in New York?

Quentin Harder
Saugerties, N.Y.

A. In effect, the doctor may stop a bout. The rules say that the physician must advise the Commission representative in charge to stop a fight, as the doctor sees fit.

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Q. The New York Commission's rules say "any boxer who has suffered an actual knockout shall be suspended for at least 30 days." What is meant by "actual knockout?" What about a TKO because of a cut eye?

Henry Duvranko
Des Moines, Iowa

A. A TKO is not an "actual knockout." Therefore, the 30 day rule does not hold good in such cases.

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Q. When Jim Corbett stopped John L. Sullivan at New Orleans in 1892, was Sullivan actually knocked out, did he surrender, or did the referee stop the fight?

Frank Bedenk
Princeton, N.J.

A. Early in the 21st round, Corbett decked the dying champion with a right to the jaw. John got up before ten. Later, Sullivan was so badly whipped that he hit the dirt floor twice. Then referee John Duffy counted him out.

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Q. Whom did Max Baer beat so badly he died after the fight? When did it happen?

Morris Peskov
Chicago, Ill.

A. The victim was Frankie Campbell and the fight took place at San Francisco on August 25, 1930. Baer stopped Campbell in the fifth round. That was four years before Max won the title from Carnera.

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Q. If Urtain were to fight Frazier, who would be the heavier?

Wallace Pruden
Portland, Me.

A. The Spanish heavy has not hit 200 for any fight. Frazier weighed 205 for Ellis.

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Q. Was either Frazier or Ellis actually the world champion when they met?

Tom McConnell
Scranton, Pa.

A. No. Neither was the champion. The title was held by Cassius Clay. After Clay had announced his retirement last February, The Ring recognized the Frazier-Ellis match as being for the vacant heavyweight championship.

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Q. Does Nat Fleischer rate Patterson, Liston and Clay among his all-time Top Ten heavyweights? Whom does he call the No. 1 man?

(Mrs.) Emma Tellier
New Orleans, La.

A. Fleischer's all time rating of heavies is topped by Jack Johnson. It does not include Patterson, Liston and Clay.

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Q. Has a lefthanded heavyweight ever won the world championship? Did Marciano ever shift to southpaw during a fight?

Riordan McGraw
Los Angeles, Cal.

A. No southpaw yet has won the heavyweight title. Marciano never shifted to a lefthanded stance during a pro fight.

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Q. Did Tommy Lougran ever beat a top heavyweight? I know he never beat a heavyweight champion. And I know he lost to Carnera in the Battle of the Feet. But did Tom ever fight any other reputable heavy?

Dave Wingerud
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Loughran beat Jack London, lost to Arturo Godoy, beat Godoy, had a draw with Godoy, lost to Walter Neusel, lost to Johnny Risko twice beat Risko, was knocked out by Steve Hamas, outpointed Jack Sharkey, beat Jimmy Braddock, beat Max Baer, beat Ernie Schaaf. This is not a complete list, by any means. But it answers your question. See Ring Record Book for Loughran's complete record, covering 172 bouts.

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Q. There is only one thing about your magazine with which I find fault, and that is your habit of calling the old timers the greatest and refusing to believe that we have great boxers today. Don't you honestly believe that Cassius Clay would have whipped Jack Johnson?

Allie Tattersall
Columbia, S.C.

A. Allie, we make every effort to play fair to all eras, all fighters right down through the years. There are great fighters now, there were great fighters years ago. We judge them with honesty and integrity. Crafty boxer Jack Johnson would have whipped Clay. Whipped him good.

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Q. Please be sure when you answer this query because there is a lot of dough at stake. How many times did Willie Pep fight Sandy Saddler? What were the results, and the dates. You are asked to settle a tavern war and you would be surprised at the money involved.

Dominick Beltrano
Newark, N.J.

A. Pep and Saddler met four times, with the world feather title always at stake. On October 29, 1948, Pep lost the championship to Saddler by KO in the fourth round in New York. On February 11, 1949, Pep recovered the crown by outpointing Saddler in a 15-round battle in New York. On September 8, 1950, Saddler took the title from Willie with an eight-round KO in New York. On September 6, 1950, Saddler again stopped Pep, in the ninth round in New York. Thus closed the series of four fights with Saddler winning three and Pep only one. Pep won the featherweight championship from Chalky Wright with a 15-round decision on November 20, 1942 and lived to defend it even after a near-fatal plane accident on January 8, 1947.

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Q. What was the date of the Siki defeat by Mike McTigue at Dublin, for the light heavy title in 1923? THE RING recently placed the fight on March 1. I believe it was March 17.

Don Smith
Peterborough, Ontario

A. The correct date is March 17, Irish Mike won the title on St. Patrick's Day. More than 100 letters on this have reached The Ring. It was a typographical error. Siki won the title from Carpentier on September 24, 1922, by knockout in the sixth round.

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Q. Was the official heavyweight championship of Europe at stake when Urtain knocked out Weiland? Isn't Henry Cooper the champion of Europe?

Mando Echevaria
Los Angeles, Cal.

A. Urtain won the official European title from Weiland. Cooper is the British champion.

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH—British junior lightweight king Jimmy Anderson woke up one morning recently and got the biggest surprise of his life. He picked up the newspaper and read that he was no longer the champion. The British Boxing Board had abolished the division, which was instituted in 1968. Jimmy will still go down in British boxing history as the only man to hold this title. Anderson defended his crown three times, which is the requirement for possession of the Lonsdale belt, and a quid-a-week pension at the age of 50. Jimmy said "I would have been choked if I needed one more notch on the belt."

Another note from England, concerning middleweight Mark Rowe. He recently defeated Les McAteer to win not only the British middleweight crown, but also the Commonwealth title. It's very rare to see a man win two titles in one bout, but imagine how McAteer felt losing two in one fight!

San Jose, Calif. welterweight Roberto Amaya gets the Good Sport Award from the Honolulu fans. Roberto was stopped by Oscar Alvarado in a bout in which he was hit low at least four times. He never complained or retaliated. At one point Roberto had to take a minute's rest. He could have claimed a foul and gotten support from the referee, who had warned Alvarado repeatedly. The reason for the low blows lay in the difference in height. Roberto stands 6 ft. 1 while Alvarado is 5 ft. 8. Low blows are nothing new for Amaya. Most of his opponents are shorter than he.

Junior welterweight champion Nicolino Loche caused a big stink before his recent defense against Adolph Pruitt in Buenos Aires, in which he retained his title. Loche and his former manager, Francisco Bermudez, are on the outs. After the weigh-in the champ charged his former manager with keeping a large share of his contract. "If he remains in the gym, I leave and stop training," the champion shouted. "I am going to tell the promoters to pay the purse only to me and nobody else." Loche said he resented having Bermudez get money for doing nothing. Under Argentine rules, Bermudez is entitled to collect 25% of the champ's purse until his contract runs out, even though he quit as his manager last year. Loche announced "I will not fight any more if forced to obey such a ridiculous contract."

Up and coming heavyweight Jeff Merritt is now sitting pretty in an arrangement with the syndicate which owns 50% of him. He gets $150 a week salary, plus living expenses and a car. The syndicate will take 50% of Jeff's earnings when he starts getting bigger purses, but will pay all his training expenses, his manager, and transportation. They will also guide Merritt in investing his money. The syndicate includes David Popsfsky, executive of Rumrill-Hoyt Advertising Agency; comedian Henny Youngman; Norman King, industrialist; and disc jockey William B. Williams. Merritt, who was paroled from Missouri State Prison in 1968 after serving 29 months of a seven year armed robbery charge, has won 15 out of 16, 11 by knockouts.

Akron's middleweight contender Doyle Baird is working with an organization called The Seven Steps. This group is set

ROBERTO AMAYA

up to help former jail inmates to adjust to the world outside. Doyle, who spent 39 months in prison stated: "I still had resentment toward the world, the police, the establishment, everybody, when I came out. But as I walked out those doors I made up my mind never to come back. The Seven Steps is not a goody-goody group. That's the problem, to make guys on the inside realize there aren't any angles to what we're trying to do. If a man doesn't want to be rehabilitated we can't help him. He's got to want it. If he does, we're ready to help."

TIDBITS . . . the Postponement of the Kobayashi-Crawford junior lightweight title bout was caused by the lack of an arena in which to hold the bout. They had no trouble getting the second date . . . Veteran West Coast promoter George Parnassus was roasted by the Friars Club. George is now on an extended vacation in Europe . . . Heavyweight Ray Patterson has been indicted by a Federal grand jury charging him with failure to report for induction into the armed forces . . . San Francisco promoter Jim Pusateri is back on his feet after suffering a heart attack . . . Buenos Aires police were ordered to arrest former W.B.A. flyweight king Horacio Accavallo for allegedly failing to report a traffic accident . . . A well known boxer is getting himself into a lot of hot water. It seems he made an arrangement with his most recent opponent to go ten rounds because he needed the workout. The other boxer agreed to make it look good and go along. The only problem was that when the bell rang for the first round, our hero belted his opponent on the whiskers before he had a chance to put up his hands . . . Charley Retzlaff, who once fought Joe Louis, died at the age of 63 . . . The Chris Dundee bouts every Thursday night in Miami Beach will now be broadcast over radio WHUS-FM . . . Former heavyweight Boardwalk Billy Smith is now with the Nebraska highway patrol.

Bob and Murray Goodman are co-authoring a book for Grosset & Dunlap called "My Greatest Day in Football" . . . California heavyweight John Caruso is now handled by Bob Caparell and Ed Solomon . . . Friends of ex-middleweight king Bobo Olson ran a testimonial for him in San Francisco. Carl hasn't worked in six months since his physical education instructor's job at Santa Rosa was phased out . . . The rumored Carmen Basilio comeback is nothing but publicity for his sausage company . . . Heavyweights to watch are Randy Neuman, Cliffside Park, N.J.; Brian O'Melia, Bayonne, N.J.; Steve Jones, Columbus, Ohio; Dan McAlinden, England; Mario Barruzzi, Italy; Ted Gullick, Cleveland; and Ken Norton, San Diego.

Welterweight Johnny Bean works for the real estate firm of Bean and Merriman . . . Richmond, Calif. middleweight Ralph McCoy is on the shelf due to plastic surgery for the removal of scar tissue over his left eye . . . British heavyweight king Henry Cooper opened a boxing school for heavyweights, in partnership with his manager Jim Wicks . . .

Light heavyweight Frank Niblett is now managed by ex-light heavy king Maxie Rosenbloom . . . Lightweight champion Ismael Laguna will defend his title on the West Coast later this year . . . Young Dave Kurez, who fought from 1908-1920, has retired from the saloon business. Dave battled Jack Dillon, Soldier Bartfield and Willie Brennan during his 12 years in the ring . . . Watch out for Willis Earls. He is undefeated, having won five in a row, as a light heavyweight.

PUNCH LINES

SWAT AT CHUVALO

I am surprised at the silence of THE RING regarding the pot hunting activities of George Chuvalo. He is going around stopping stiffs in affairs labelled fights. These things should be advertised for what they really are, exhibitions. THE RING is the public's only protection. Why hasn't it hollered?

Dave Beindiner
Toronto, Can.

Editor's Note—THE RING deplores the appearances of qualified boxers against obvious setups. Not so long ago a champion knocked out his sparring partner in a match advertised as a bona fide fight. Many commissions are remiss in their duties.

WANTS URTAIN VS. FOREMAN

I would pay $10 to see Urtain fight Foreman. I would not pay ten cents to see him murdered by Frazier.

Teo Gastanega
Jersey City, N.J.

FIGHTERS LACK INSURANCE

A friend of mine has been a professional boxer for the last four years. He makes his living working in a supermarket. Out of his boxing he barely pays expenses. These men have no protection in working and life insurance. They cannot collect unemployment insurance between fights. They are treated like dirt if they seek public help. Can't something be done for the boxers of the U.S.A.?

Walter Torres
Wilmington, Del.

Editor's Note—Many efforts have been made to induce the fighters to pay into a fund for voluntary insurance. They have not responded. Many live for today, and to Hell with tomorrow.

QUERY IN CARNERA

How big was Primo Carnera? I have seen half a dozen different sets of measurements and weights about him.

Tom Altobelli
San Francisco, Calif.

Carnera stood 6 feet 5¾ inches in height, weighed 267 pounds, and had a reach of 85½ inches, the longest in championship history. His waist measured only 38 inches.

MAX BAER BOOK

I have hunted in vain for a book about Max Baer. In fact, I have found it almost impossible to purchase any books about heavyweight champions before Cassius Clay. I am collecting all sorts of things connected with boxing and find the going rough and expensive.

Henry T. Davidoff
New York, N.Y.

The Ring Book Shop offers a revised biography of Baer. See advertisement in this and memmorabilia connected with boxing and memmorabilia connected with boxing than ever before.

GOOD RIDDANCE TO CLAY

I am happy to read that you have finally withdrawn from recognizing Cassius Clay as the heavyweight champion. Clay is responsible for many of boxing's troubles. He could have been a great fighting champion but instead he chose to disgrace himself.

All this talk about Clay being able to beat Joe Frazier is bunk. After a three year layoff Clay could never do it. Dempsey, Louis, and Jeffries tried comebacks and they couldn't do it—although Dempsey came close—so don't anybody tell me Clay could do it!

Joe Frazier is heavyweight champion of the world and the public doesn't care what loud mouth says. So please, no more stories about Clay.

Pete George
Chicago, Ill.

LAUDS THE RING'S STAND

I have been reading THE RING for a few years now, and although I seldom agree with your ratings, I can't recall a time when I haven't agreed with your recognition of a world titleholder.

THE RING seems to regard a world championship as something that should be earned and not be made a gift.

The WBA and similar associations are willing to recognize anyone in order to draw attention upon themselves. The WBA recognizes a different flyweight an featherweight champ from the rest of the world. The WBC recognizes a different Junior welterweight and junior Lightweight from the rest of the world.

THE RING displays common sense in such matters as title recognition. This was illustrated to me in the recent heavyweight muddle.

Dennis P. Grenkowicz
Alpena, Mich.

ANOTHER VOTE FOR RING

This is just a short letter complimenting THE RING on its past stand and current decision on the "Muhammad Ali Case." I believed your stand on keeping Ali's title intact until he was or was not proved guilty of draft evasion as a showing of good judgment, commonsense and a complete understanding of the case, with what facts were available. But his latest series of retirement claims left THE RING no choice but to announce Joe Frazier as his successor. My congratulations on your current decision and my support in the future.

John W. Matlock
U.S.S. Simon Lake (AS-33)
Holy Loch, Scotland

SITUATION IN SWEDEN

The outcome of the Patterson-Ellis fight had little to do with the ban on pro boxing in Sweden.

The decision was based on several domestic policy reasons. The major reason was the runaway by a boxer and his wife with some $200,000 to France. In order to avoid paying taxes. This made people here angry.

Since Sweden has the highest taxes in the world, one can understand both opinions.

When the opposition in Parliament tried to take political advantage of the transaction the government acted. Let me point out that at the time of the ban there were no licensed boxers in Sweden except Ray Patterson, an American.

Promoters had been importing fighters of somewhat mediocre reputation, Swedish boxers being none the better, some of them resting 18 months between outings. A crime, since the Swedish fight fans are the most loyal in the world.

Sture Nystrow
Vasteras, Sweden

SPOOF FROM LONG ISLAND

THE RING is a jinx; THE RING has come up with the insidious practice of writing articles about boxers it dislikes. THE RING knows that the fighter will see this article and get an inflated opinion of himself. He thinks: "If THE RING says I'm that good, maybe I am." The fighter gets an ego, does not train, and loses his next fight, which is what THE RING secretly wants. In the past year, you have jinxed middleweight Juarez DeLima (lost to Bennie Briscoe), light heavy Andy Kendall (lost to Foster and Dick Tiger), lightweight champ Mando Ramos (lost title to Laguna), featherweight Jose Legra (lost to Vicente' Saldivar), middleweight Fraser Scott (disqualified against Benvenuti), junior welter Joao Henrique (lost to champ Nicilino Loche), and heavyweight Jimmy Ellis (guess whom he lost to?). Your terrible scheme will soon be uncovered, RING, so beware!

Charles Brown
Brentwood, L.I.

PLEA FOR PEP, SADDLER

I will not recognize the Hall Of Fame as a valid enterprise until you pick Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler. What's wrong with these great boxers that they cannot get the recognition they so richly deserve?

Carmine Valenti
Phoenix, Arizona

EX-BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMP MANUEL ORTIZ DIES AT 54

By NAT LOUBET

MANUEL Ortiz, bantamweight champion of the world from 1942 to 1950, recently died of a liver ailment in the San Diego Naval Hospital at age 54.

He was laid to rest in El Centro, Calif., where he has lived in recent years, working at odd jobs.

At one time, Ortiz was the owner of a 600-acre farm in the richest valley in California. Manuel also owned a ranch, and a night club in the El Centro Valley, where he was born in 1917. He made it big but lived the same way and had been living a hand-to-mouth existence, before his passing.

His manager for most of his career, Tommy Farmer, said, "It's a real shame. He was a great little fighter. He made a lot of money in those days but he spent it all."

Ortiz liked the bright lights and all that goes with a fast moving life.

Manuel is survived by his former wife, Ruth, three daughters, two brothers and a sister.

Ortiz fought in a division which included such fine ringmen as unbeaten Jimmy Barry, Frankie Neil, Johnny Coulon, Kid Williams, Pete Herman, and Joe Lynch. Many ring experts tabbed Ortiz as another of the all-time bantamweight Hall of Famers.

As a ringman, his start in 1937 was both humble and marked with that certain greatness of which legends are born.

The scene was a small amateur fight club in Brawley, California. Ortiz, a truck driver, sat watching, with mingled interest, the preliminary bouts. One of the main event fighters failed to show up and the promoter, knowing Manuel to be a rugged youngster, pleaded with him to come in as a substitute and help out.

Ortiz consented and had his first pair of gloves laced on. They felt strange and awkward. His opponent, Bobby Hager, tabbed as an outstanding amateur, was decked 17 times in a ding-dong four-round battle which Ortiz won.

The following week they were rematched, and again Manuel won, this time hammering Hager to the canvas 20 times.

The Ortiz legend had begun. The fighting bug had bitten Ortiz and he went into training. During the remainder of the year he fought often, winning the Southern California amateur flyweight title and the National Golden Gloves championship in Boston.

In 1938 he turned professional. In his first bout, Manuel met Benny Goldberg, a Detroit southpaw, losing a four-round decision. He was to defeat Goldberg in a title bout later on.

Within a year Ortiz was in there against the best in his class. He took the measure of Richie Lemos, Horace Mann, Canada Lee and Jackie Jurich. But defeat came against Kui Kong Young, Small Montana, Pablo Dano, Jackie Jurich and Lou Salica.

The belting truck driver was winning and losing, but learning his trade. By 1941 he had more than the ruggedness and stamina of a club fighter. He had acquired the know-how to whip nine out of ten opponents he faced that year. His only loss was to Tony Olivera. Later in his career he adequately avenged this loss by thrice defeating Olivera.

The legend was growing. Ortiz was on his way to becoming one of the greats. He was a man of steel with a chin of granite and a heart unequalled. California fans and the world at large followed his dazzling career, in which he slugged his way through 28 straight opponents, during which time he annexed the world bantamweight title. It was on August 7, 1942, that he defeated the champion, Lou Salica, in a 12-round title bout at Hollywood, California.

MANUEL ORTIZ

There was a fly in the ointment for Manuel, however. The New York Commission still recognized Salica as the champion because the bout had not been a 15-rounder.

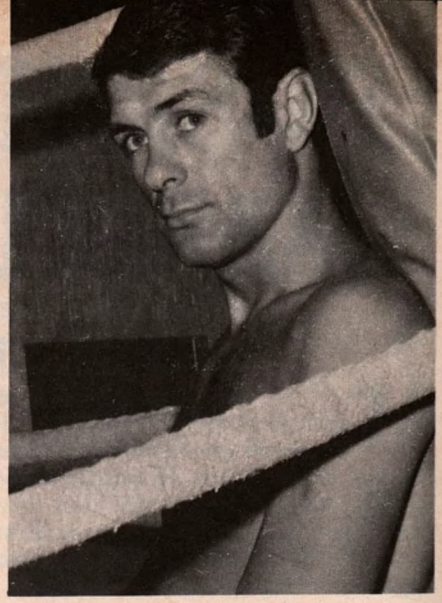
To settle the matter, California changed its ruling and the two fighters agreed to meet again, this time over the 15-round route. Manuel stopped Salica in the 11th round and that was that. Manuel was now the undisputed world titleholder.

In 1943, Ortiz put his crown on the line an unprecedented eight times. Each was a successful defense. Kenny Lindsay, Georgie Freitas, Salica, Lupe Cardoza, Leonardo Lopez, Benny Goldberg and Joe Robleto (twice) were defeated in title fights. In addition, Ortiz won five non-title contests.

Manuel caught the fancy of the boxing world and only in the Eastern portion of the U.S. was there any criticism. That because the champion rarely fought outside of his native state and easterners had little chance to see him.

In 1944, the fighting champion defended four times, against Ernesto Aguilar, Tony Olivera, and twice against Luis Castillo. It was at this time that the El Centro lad made his first trip to the east coast of the U.S. and had two quick wins before returning to his native California. He completed a year in which he fought ten times, losing only once. to Willie Pep, the featherweight champ, in an over weight *(Continued on page 59)*

Nino Benvenuti, middleweight champion, is the only European to currently hold a world title. Here he is with his family, Stefano, 7; Macri, 5 and wife Giuliana.



Handsome Pedro Carrasco of Spain is one of the best junior welters displaying his wares on the Continent these days.

Nino Europe's Lone World Champ

ITALY DOMINATES CONTINENT

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN, Germany—In recent world ratings in this magazine, there was only one European holding a world title—Nino Benvenuti (Italy). Runners up were plentiful. Jose Urtain (Spain) was among the best ten heavyweights; Piero Del Papa (Italy) and Yvan Prebeg (Yugoslavia) in the light heavyweight class; Juan Carlos Duran (Italy) with the middles; Johann Orsolics (Austria) among the welters; Bruno Arcari (Italy) and Cemal Kamaci (Austria) with the junior welterweight, Pedro Carrasco (Spain) and Miguel Velasquez (Spain) among the lightweights and Jose Legra (Spain) in the featherweight division.

Italy rules the roost on the continent. It is difficult to trace the early history of boxing in Italy, but one can be sure that Piero Boine was the first national heavyweight champion, in 1909. He lost to Frank Klaus in France three years later.

In 1913 Boine lost his Italian title to Eugenio Pilotta. It was a shock to those close to Boine when at the age of 27, in 1914, he died.

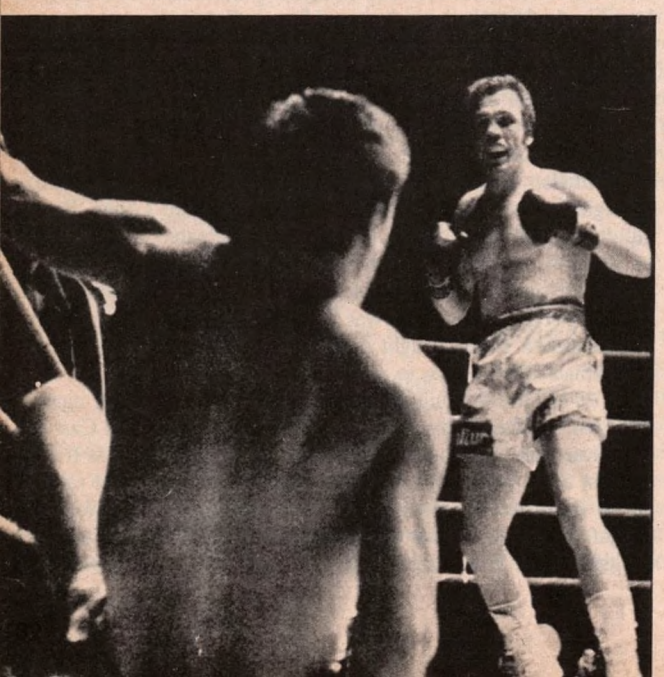
Boxing became popular in Italy as American, French and British boxers invaded the country. The first promoter of any consequence was Giuseppe Carpegna. Today Rino Tommassi, Rodolfo Sabbatii and Vittorio Strumolo run big class promotions. All eyes are on a local heavyweight named Mario Baruzzi.

In Spain the name of Jose Urtain, the new European heavyweight champion, with 30 starts, all won inside the distance, has put the country right on the market. Not that there is any scarcity of good boxers in the country, but heavyweights in Spain are as rare as snow in Andalusia.

Urtain is the first Spanish European heavyweight champion since 1926, when Paolino Uzcudun wore the crown. Uzcudun's invasion of France made boxing popular in Spain, for little was known of the sport there until after the first world war. Reigning Spanish European champions are Urtain, Miguel Velasquez, lightweight, and Manuel Calvo, featherweight.

Mario Jose Losa is the key promoter in the country and has a money spinner in Urtain.

The first promotion in Germany took place in Hamburg in 1899. Previous gatherings were always broken up by the police, who opposed boxing. The first national titles date from 1919, although Otto Flint was unofficial heavyweight king from 1911. It is said that the first German professionals were schooled by the British in a prisoner of war camp on the Isle of Man during the war. They included *(Continued on page 39)*



Yvan Prebeg, the Yugoslav, is on the canvas, having been deposited there by Piero Del Papa of Italy, during the match at Milan, Italy, in which Del Papa outpointed Prebeg to capture the European light heavyweight crown.

UP AND DOWN Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

PLENTY of pugilistic fireworks, plus nostalgia, marked the successful launching of "Operation Clubhouse" when a jam-packed crowd turned out for the Veteran Boxers' Association Ring #8 carnival at Sunnyside Gardens, New York.

The brainchild of Allie Zack, former boxer, was a tremendous success. The fight card put together by Duke Stefano comprised five scraps, including a scheduled ten round final. This was halted by referee Harold Valan in the fifth round because of a lacerated left eye suffered by Pedro Rimovsky, of Tandil, Argentina, a protege of Alex Miteff. Rimovsky was more than holding his own against Bob Benoit, a light heavyweight out of Oakham, Mass., when a butt ended the bout.

Celebrities stole the show. There was the current heavyweight boss, Joe Frazier ...The all-time idol of fistiana, Jack Dempsey ... Mickey Walker, former welter and middleweight king.

Other former champs were Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, president of Ring #8, Lou Salica, twice bantam king, Phil Terranova, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Petey Scalzo, Solly Seeman, ex-coast junior lightweight boss and Ruby Goldstein. Johnny Addie was the M.C.

The fights drew $11,988 with 1,583 present, "Operation Clubhouse" had added revenue from program sale and raffles. K.O. Phil Kaplan had a winning number for one of the fur coats, which brought him into the ring. The fans still remembered him.

Paintings of Jack Dempsey, Joe Frazier and others, contributions by Bill Gallo, of the Daily News, Ted Carroll, of THE RING and painter Leroy Neiman, provided aesthetic trimmings. They were auctioned off.

Commissioner Eddie Dooley was introduced, as was Harry Hershfield.

Two sixes and two fours completed the show. Two of these resulted in draws.

"Operation Clubhouse" was only the beginning. It showed what can be done for former boxers. It was an occasion to be remembered!

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There was a heart-warming gathering at the Green Briars in North Brunswick, N.J., when the second dinner of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, founded by Adrian Bailey, took place. M.C. was Hank Leonard. Honored were Steve Hamas, former Penn State star, Two Ton Tony Galento, Mickey Dell and Young Gradwell. Other boxers were honored posthumously, among them the late bantam, Jack Sharkey. Among the guests on the dais were James J. Braddock, Mickey Walker, Ike Williams and Lou Salica. Also present were Emile Griffith, and Stanley Poreda and Patsy Perroni, heavyweights. Babe Orlando helped to arrange the affair. Also on the dais were Jackie Farrell, former boxing man and now with the Yankees, and Jersey Jones.

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Former Australian world bantam champion, Lionel Rose, has turned from the roar of the stadium to the glamor of the pop-music scene. Rose, who captured the bantam crown from "Fighting" Harada and lost it to Ruben Olivares, has temporarily

LIONEL ROSE

shelved boxing and taken up the guitar. His first disc, "I Thank You," reportedly is a success with a sale of more than 50,000.

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Randy Sandy, who boxed as a welter and middleweight from 1950 to 1967 and who had approximately 100 fights, is now an athletic director in the Sheridan Rehabilitation Center, 75 Morton St., in New York. Sandy, who was managed by Hymie Wollman, has joined Ring #8.

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Alex Koskowitz, who managed Doug Jones, has added another star to his crew. He and Jack Barrett, former Madison Sq. Garden matchmaker, are plugging 28-year-old Willie Burton, who was born in Durham, N.C., but brought up in the Bronx section of New York. Burton was 160-pound Golden Gloves champion for three years and was formerly managed by Bobby Melnick. Boxing as a pro for 2 years, 6 months, Burton says that he won 18 straight as a light heavyweight and his only pro loss was against a heavyweight.

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Jack Barrett has had quite a career. Hailing from Harlem, Jack was a good 118 pounder. As a matchmaker, he was associated with the Queensboro, St. Nicholas Arena, Bronx Coliseum, Star Casino, New Haven Arena and Springfield, Mass. Barrett, who was associated with Koskowitz in the management of Doug Jones, also handled Harry Balsamo, Al Roth, Chester Rico, Tami Mauriello and Augie Arrellano.

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Ran into Schoolboy Bernie Friedkin, Brownsville lightweight who was managed by Frankie Jay. Bernie was in boxing for about ten years. The Friedkins have two daughters, both honor students.

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Recently we received a letter from an old-time friend who was around years ago when the Striblings, Pa and Ma, Billy and Babe, were basking in the spotlight. From Homewood, Ala., we received word from the veteran fistic carpet-bagger, Jay Thomas, newspaperman, publicist, promoter. We first met in 1930. He promoted fights in Richmond, Va., after leaving Miami, and eventually became a deputy sheriff. Later, when the war came along, he went into the Military Police. He retired in 1961 and is now 82 years old. Thomas can be reached at 2917 S. 19th St., Birmingham, Ala., 35209.

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Harry Stickevers, one of the last fight managers left on Jacobs Beach, is still interested in the game. Stickevers is still looking for prospects. He managed Kid Rash, bantam; Joe Ciceli, a welter; Paddy Young, who once was a candidate for the middleweight crown but lost to Bobo Olson. He brought out Bob Foster. Stickevers feels he has a comer in Paddy Young's son, Paddy, Jr., a lightweight.

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Two more veterans passed on recently. Bruce Flowers, of New Rochelle, who made those great fights with Jackie "Kid" Berg, the former junior welter king, and Sammy Cohen, the late Paddy Mullins'

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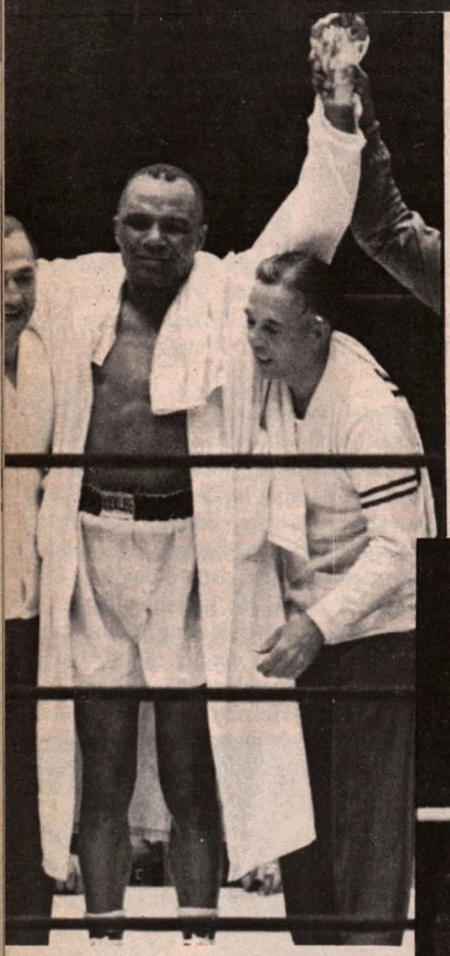
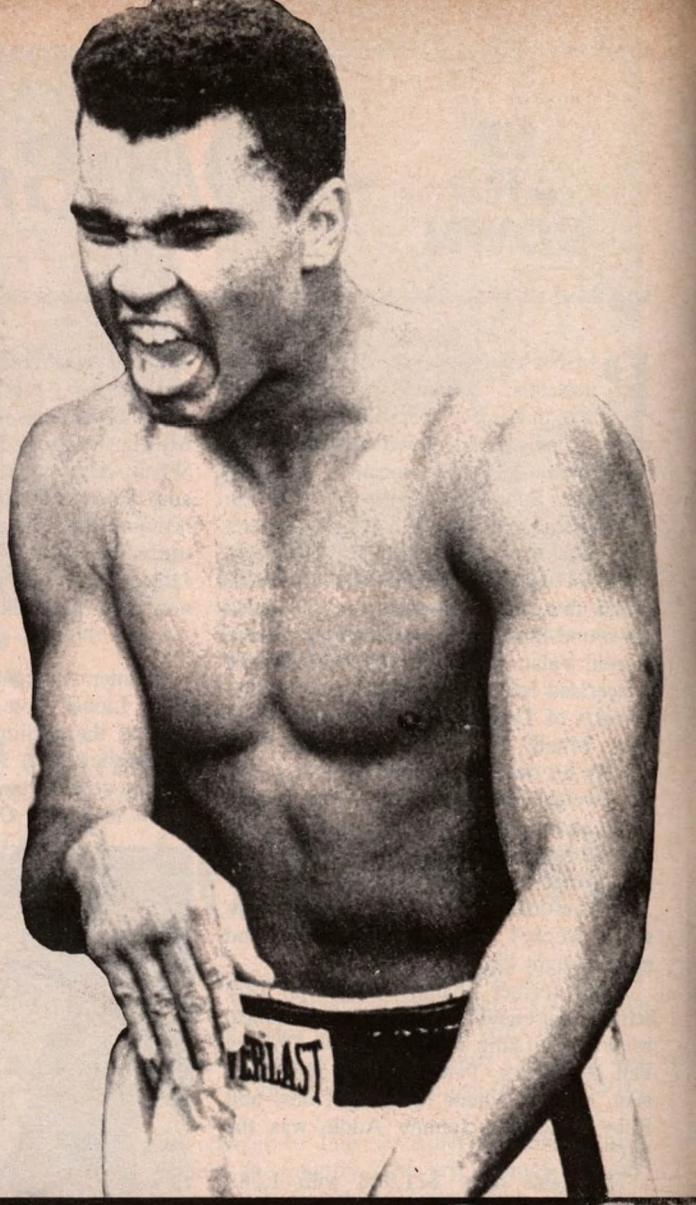
Who Said Winning Isn't Everything?





Sure, winning isn't everything, but just look at the bankrolls of the losers and try to recall the fellow who came in second best. Anyhow, in our little gallery of winners, Cassius Clay looks more angry than pleased even though he's just KO'd Sonny Liston in the first round in their return meeting at Lewiston, Me., in 1965.

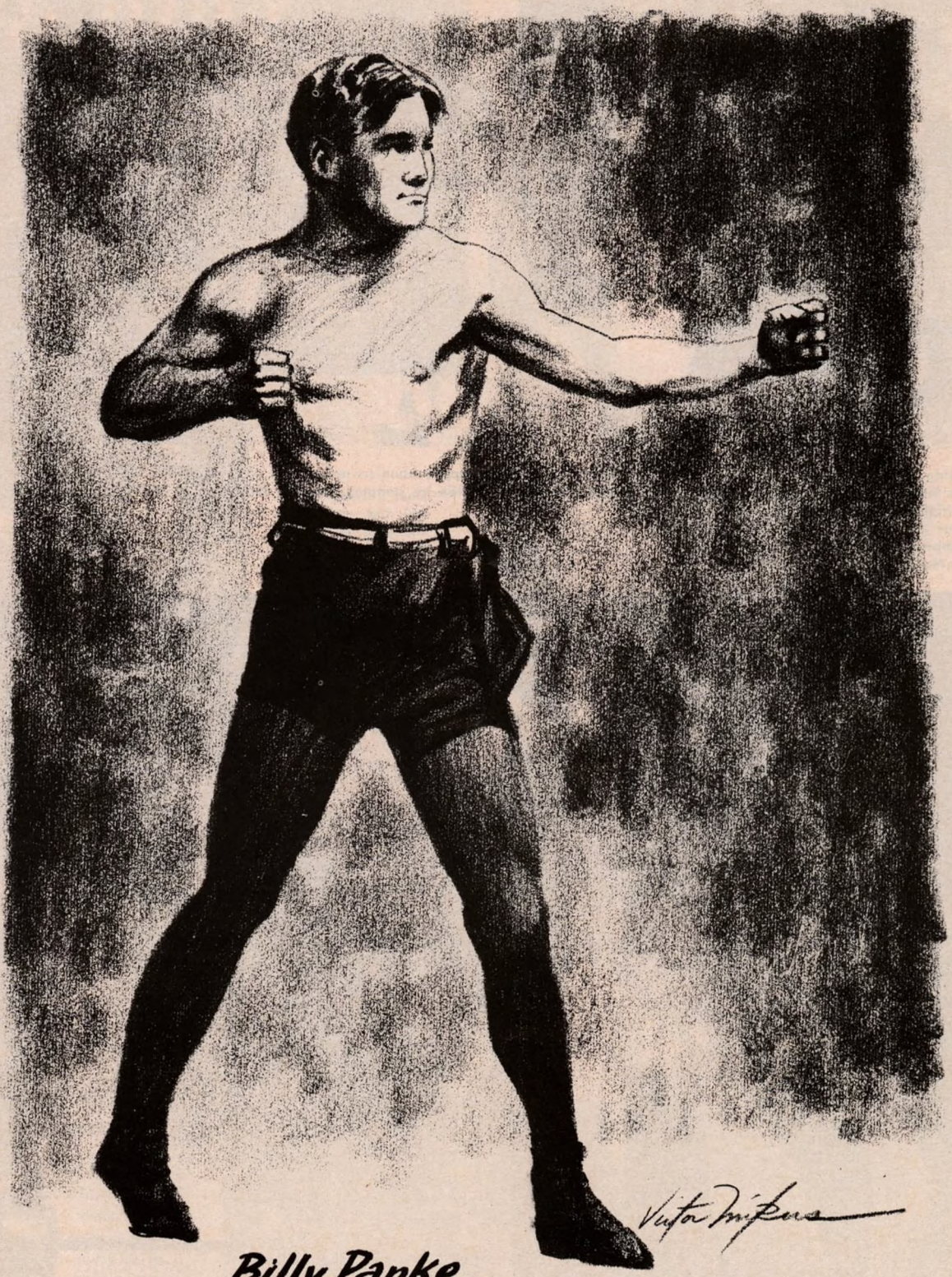
(Above) Jersey Joe Walcott accepts winning in a rather quiet manner as he successfully defended his heavyweight crown against Ezzard Charles in 1952. (Right) Gene Tunney has just been acclaimed the new heavyweight king after outpointing Jack Dempsey at Philadelphia in 1926. His admirers appear more enthusiastic than the ex-Marine.

Stoic-looking Jack Sharkey is hugged and patted on the back as joyous manager Johnny Buckley (right) throws arm in air after Joe Humphreys announces the Boston Gob is the new champion by virtue of a 15-round decision over Max Schmeling in 1932.

Floyd Patterson and happy handlers are ecstatic after he became first and only man in history to regain heavyweight title by stopping Ingemar Johansson in fifth round in New York in 1960.

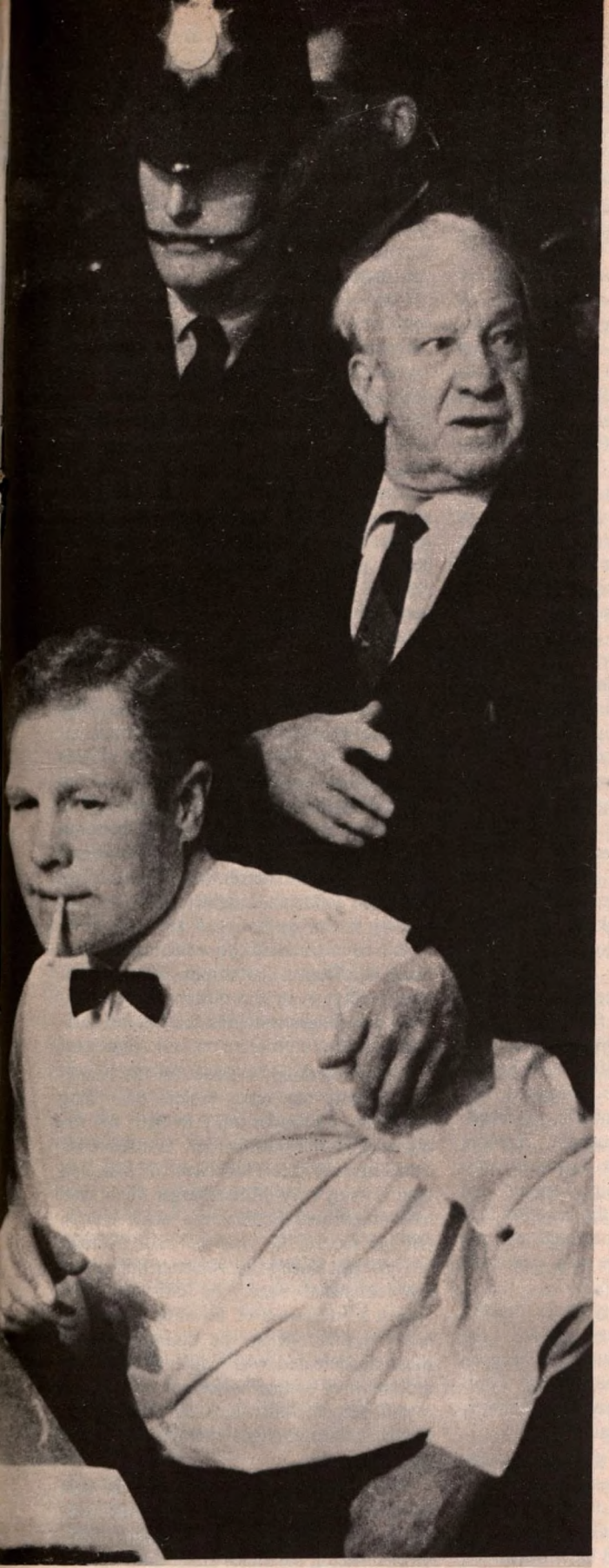
(Left) Emile Griffith is the most happy fellow after being declared the winner over Joey Archer in defense of his middleweight crown in 1967. (Right) Joe Frazier is lifted into the air by manager-trainer Yancey Durham after Jimmy Ellis failed to answer the bell for the fifth round of their fight earlier this year. Joe thus became fully recognized as heavyweight champion of the world.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONS—PORTRAIT NO. 8



Billy Papke

claimed the title which was in dispute for 2 years. On March 5, 1913, in Paris, Papke lost on a foul to Frank Klaus, and Klaus was universally acclaimed as the new champion.



This is one of the last photos taken of the late Johnny Sharpe. He is shown standing behind referee Wally Thom in an effort to protect the official from an unruly crowd in Nottingham after Thom disqualified Young McCormack in the eighth round of a British Cruiserweight title contest.

Johnny Sharpe, 1891-1970

By NAT FLEISCHER

IT is with a deep sense of personal loss, and a profound regret insofar as the loss to THE RING Magazine is concerned, that I write about the death of my friend of many years, Johnny Sharpe.

For most of the life of this publication, 40 years, Sharpe was its British representative, based in London.

For many years he was a boxing writer there. More recently he was associated with the office of Jack Solomons, the promoter.

In his reportage for THE RING, Sharpe was expert, honest, straightforward and thorough.

He hewed straight to the truth, always for the good and welfare of boxing.

Johnny's monthly column in THE RING, labeled "In the British Isles," was the oldest and best known feature of its kind in world boxing. His estimates of boxing skills and competitive values were unexcelled in his field.

Above all, Johnny Sharpe was a friend.

Sharpe was a good boxer, a fine manager. He fought as a featherweight, out of Bridgeport, Conn., from 1916 through 1920, under the management of Joe Smith. He had 40 bouts and lost only one.

All the time Johnny was a moonlighting fighter, he had a steady job as a caulker in the Lake Torpedo Boat plant in Bridgeport.

On a visit to THE RING offices several years ago Sharpe told how he went back to his native Britain in 1920 to marry his sweetheart of many years.

"After the wedding I announced that we would set up housekeeping in Bridgeport," he recalled." But the bride and our folks vetoed this plan. We remained in London, and I cannot say that the decision and its results were not exemplary.

"I came back to the United States for heavyweight championship fights. But it was always back to London.

"I saw service in the British army throughout the first World War, and I can't say it was the best thing in the world for my health and general well being.

"After I had been mustered out I decided to accept the invitation of my older brother Jack and visit with him in Bridgeport. He was boxing, and I worked as his sparring partner. Eventually I struck out as a boxer on my own."

Johnny Sharpe was a member of a fighting family, the three Cohen brothers. They adopted the name of Sharpe.

Johnny has two sons. One is Dr. Lawrence Sharpe, psychiatrist attached to Harkness Pavillion in New York. The other son, professionally known as Robert Arden, has been connected with the movies in England as actor and director for many years.

"My biggest break came when Nat Fleischer asked me to cover the British boxing scene for THE RING Magazine," Johnny Sharpe said on his last visit to New York.

SHARPE DIED IN SOUTH AFRICA

By TIM RILEY

LONDON, England—British boxing received a blow through the sudden death in South Africa of Johnny Sharpe. He was in Johannesburg with his cruiserweight prodigy Dickie Owens, who was there to fight South African light heavyweight and heavyweight champion *(Continued on page 64)*

DER MOX, ONCE A CHAMPION, STILL GERMANY'S NO. 1 IDOL

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Hamas with an 8-round knockout in Hamburg in 1935, Schmeling escaped any blame himself. But all others concerned, including Hamas' manager Charley Harvey, were excoriated in the German press for permitting the bout to continue as long as it did. Hamas, after suffering a recurrence of a football knee injury, was so terribly punished he never fought again.

By 1935 the Nazi holocaust had gained horrendous momentum and Schmeling, managed by the Jewish Joe Jacobs, found himself in the vortex of a dilemma and an eddying disapproval in the Third Reich.

Mollifying the Nazis by ditching the manager meant placing any further American appearances in grave jeopardy. Schmeling, staking everything on his great popularity with the German people, decided to stick it out with Jacobs whatever the consequences.

Jacobs also found himself in a hypersensitive situation. While recognizing its practicality, the American-Jewish community took a dim view of his involvement with the German champion, a feeling which was aggravated by the Nazi salute Jacobs found himself obliged to give when caught in the ring during the playing of the German National Anthem following Schmeling's victory over Hamas in Hamburg.

In attempting to allay protests over this gesture, Jacobs emphasized that he had held a lighted cigar in his upraised hand, thereby putting his own brand of hex on the "Heil." This revelation, readily discernible in the re-examined photo, had a counter-action overseas and Joe Jacobs never set foot in Nazi Germany again.

By 1936, Joe Louis had burst upon the boxing scene with atomic impact and a match with then champion Jim Braddock was a certainty. The idea occurred to someone—possibly Mike Jacobs himself—that a bout with the supposedly over-the-hill Schmeling would not only afford a pre-title tuneup for the sensational Louis but a sizable payday for all concerned as well.

The Jacobs forces stifled potential opposition to the German's return to America by pointing out that the prospective quick knockout of Schmeling by Louis would hold the detested racial superiority dogma of the Nazis up to world ridicule.

Discontent over the project did not completely subside and there were some mutterings of a boycott. But since both Jacobses —Joe and Mike—were playing lead roles in the negotiations this did not materialize.

As a spectator at the Louis-Paolino bout in Madison Square Garden late in 1935. Schmeling did not seem overly impressed with the one-punch demolition job that the Brown Bomber did on the hitherto punch-proof Basque. He commented tersely after the knockout, "I zee zomezing."

And indeed, he had! Spotting Louis' vulnerability to a right hand punch, the German knocked out the Brown Bomber six months later in one of the most shocking surprises of all time. Instead of the expected Louis victory and any subsequent Nazi embarrassment, Schmeling returned home to an ecstatic Germany with Der Fuehrer himself cheer leading the celebrations.

Naturally, the Nazis made capital of Schmeling's triumph as a vindication of their "superman" ideology. Discomfiture over the result in the U.S. caused a rash of propaganda to be directed at Schmeling, to the point of absurdity. Racist statements were charged to him which, in light of his record both before and after, were ridiculous.

Schmeling had fought all the Negro heavyweights available in Europe early in his career losing to one of them, Larry Gains, Canadian champion, by a knockout. The allegation that he attributed his defeat of Louis to Nordic superiority is pure nonsense. Never in his long career has Max Schmeling exhibited any traces by word or deed of Nazi racial infection.

Schmeling's return to the States to meet Louis for the championship two years later has been a matter of puzzlement to many boxing people. Since he was manipulated out of the title shot against Braddock, which he had earned on the basis of his win over Louis, many wiseacres have contended, that since Louis' title status was under a cloud, the German should have sat tight in the fatherland basking in the glory of an "uncrowned champion" and a victim of injustice.

Why Schmeling returned to try Louis again is one of the more fantastic tales of fistiana. The legend goes like this. Schmeling had married the beautiful Czech actress Anny Ondra, who, it was whispered, had found favor in the eyes of Dr. Goebbels, Nazi Minister of Propaganda. Rumors reached Schmeling that Dr. Goebbels, who was notorious for his affairs d'amour, had not allowed his interest in the beautiful lady to lag because of her marriage and the fighter is supposed to have said something about "breaking his neck."

Herr Goebbels was many things, most of them unsavory, but he was no fool. Like many others he felt that luck had been on the side of his countryman in the Louis fight and he envisioned disaster for Schmeling if the two ever met again.

Advised of Schmeling's threat, the canny Nazi bigwig, with ready access to the ear of Hitler himself, suggested to Der Fuehrer that the prestige of Nazi Germany and its super-race obsession would be immeasurably enhanced were Schmeling to go back to America and defeat Louis again, thereby becoming the first man to ever win the championship for a second time.

One may take this story for whatever it is worth. Schmeling did return to America, to be blasted out by Louis in one round, in 1938. The clouds of war had been gathering over Europe since Hitler's accession to power and in 1939, the Wehrmacht went on the march.

Once again Max Schmeling, the Nation's boxing idol, faced a bitter choice. Succumbing to the "My country, right or wrong!" syndrome he became a paratrooper, was hurt in the battle of Crete and saw no action thereafter.

Like virtually all fighters, Schmeling couldn't resist the compulsion to try it again 24 years after his start, at the age of 43. 14 years after their first meeting in 1938 the equally antiquated Walter Neusel evened the score with his ancient rival in a slow motion match in which Father Time was the only winner.

The saga of Max Schmeling is that of a man who was a toy of circumstance. Of ascetic habit with a yen for rustic, off the beaten path, training hideouts, Schmeling's reserved personality and character contravened the controversy that clung to him throughout his career. He was controversial without being charismatic, made so by the pressure of events beyond his control.

One of the happier aspects of his latter years has been his friendship with Louis, an obvious liking which is mutual and affords additional evidence of the unfairness of the libels directed against him in former years.

In contrast to his alleged thriftiness, he wasted little time in posting a thousand dollar reward in furtherance of the search for Gene Tunney's daughter when she was missing in Europe last year. He is expected in this country shortly to visit troubled Joe Louis in a Denver sanitarium. Soberminded and intelligent, he has done well in retirement as a business representative for various concerns, both German and American.

For all Germany's accent on the heavyweights only one other besides Schmeling has gotten the opportunity to fight for the big title, Karl Mildenberger. Had he been called upon to face a less talented champion than Cassius Clay, Mildenberger might well have duplicated Schmeling's achievement. Off his record, he was the best German heavyweight since Max. A better than average lefthanded boxer, he did very well against a succession of invading American heavyweights during the sixties. Among those he defeated was Eddie Machen. In nine years of boxing he seldom lost and his overall record, which included winning the European heavyweight championship, was very impressive.

Walter Neusel was, for a time, the best European heavyweight, excepting Schmeling. Neusel, an aggressive blond battler, performed well in the States under the standard of the late Paul Damski and Jimmy Bronson. Walter proved good enough to win a decision over clever Tommy Loughran. But Schmeling was an obstacle to him in their homeland.

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Critics abroad agree that the best all-around German fighter was the handsome Berliner Gustave "Bubi" Scholz. Like George Carpentier years before, Scholz fought his way up through the divisions winning the German championship as a welter, middle and light heavyweight.

A fast moving southpaw, who could both box and punch, Scholz made only one appearance in the States against tough Al Andrews in Madison Sq. Garden whom he defeated handily. This was in 1954. Although he would have been welcomed back, he never returned to the United States. Holder of the European middleweight championship, he eventually outgrew the class and after 14 years of boxing failed in an attempt to win the world light heavyweight championship from Harold Johnson.

Adolph Heuser was a hard-bitten light heavy who did well enough overseas and in the United States to earn a chance at the 175 lb. laurels then held by Maxie Rosenbloom. Nobody was beating Maxie in those days, and although Heuser gave it a good try he proved unequal to the task.

This match was held on a date of unique significance, March 10, 1933. This was the day on which President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the closing of every bank in the United States, marking the low point of the Great Depression. With the country apparently headed for economic ruin, a goodly crowd still turned out to see the fight in old Madison Square Garden.

Franz Diener, whom Schmeling defeated for the German heavyweight title in 1928, was a rugged fellow, guaranteed to give any foe a busy evening. Diener appeared here but did not threaten the leaders in the class.

Off his series with Schmeling, Max Diekmann who was never seen in the States must have been a better than fair fighter. A light heavyweight, in four engagements with the former world champion, stopped Schmeling the first time, held him even twice, but was a one-round kayo victim in their fourth and final meeting.

Paul Damski, at one time Germany's outstanding promoter, a refugee from the Hitler terror, turned up shortly before the Second World War with Erich Seelig, also an escapee from the Nazis, and the German middleweight champion. Seelig, a busy aggressive mauler, who had twice lost to Marcel Thil in Paris, is best remembered for having brought the lustrous career of Mickey Walker to an end in New York's old St. Nicholas Arena.

Gerhard Zech, who won the German heavyweight championship from Albert Westphal, numbered among his opposition such formidables as Ernie Terrell and Sonny Liston both of whom defeated him, this is hardly a disgrace. He was also turned back twice by Mildenberger.

Eccentric middleweight Peter Mueller, who once kayoed a referee in Germany, welterweight Gustave Eder; heavyweight Hein ten Hoff, who met Jersey Joe Walcott and was German champion; 1936 Olympic heavyweight champion Herbert Runge, who didn't get too far as a professional before the war broke out; and junior welterweight Willi Quatuor are other names that have enlivened the German boxing scene through the years.

ITALY DOMINATES CONTINENT

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Hans Breitenstrater and Kurt Prenzel.

There will never be another Max Schmeling for the Germans. He is as popular now as he was in 1930 when he won the world's heavyweight crown by beating Jack Sharkey on a foul. The country has but one European crown just now and it is worn by light middleweight Gerhard Piaskowy.

Promoters include Joachim Göttert, Theo Wittenbrink and Fritz Wiene.

Portugal is a dead area fistically. What few fighters they had were driven abroad for work. I have yet to see a boxer from Portugal on a fight card.

Yugoslavia was the first iron curtain country with a European champion, Yvan Prebeg, but his reign was short. Promotions are staged there but they are few and far between.

Of the Benelux countries, Belgium was the first to feature boxing. The first show was in 1910. The Belgian Boxing Federation was formed three years later. Holland saw boxing in full swing after World War I but it was founded originally by Henry J. Plaacke in 1897. The Dutch Federation came into being in 1911.

The once thriving trade of glove slinging has dwindled to a few promotions yearly. Holland is still the Mecca of scrappers from the Dutch possessions. One, Fighting Mack, has held a European title since the war. A new promoter, Aad Veerman, is giving the sport a shot in the arm.

In France, boxing goes back as far as 1854 when Leboucher beat Dickson in a mixed bout involving feet and fists. Charlemont was the best ever exponent of boxing and is remembered for his defeat of Jim Driscoll. France was slow to adopt the Anglo-American style of pugilism and it was not until 1900 that Paris was the scene of such a duel, as the one in which Louis Lerda defeated Dick O'Brien.

The country is now full of talented fighters but holds only one European crown—Rene Roque, the junior welter king.

In Denmark, promoter Mogen Palles, with his European middleweight champion, Tom Bogs, is keeping boxing alive. The sport there dates back to 1885 and the first national titles were fought for in 1899. Jim Smith, who boxed in America and Australia, ran a boxing school in Denmark and helped the sport to get on its feet.

One of the outstanding promoters in Denmark was Valdemar Christiansen. With no boxing in Sweden, Norway a sick patient and Finland scraping the barrel, Denmark is cashing in on the game.

Boxing has been banned in Sweden. It was banned as far back as 1921 when a bantamweight named Hultberg was killed. Private club boxing continued and amateur boxing hit a high level.

Swedish boxers are not prevented from fighting in foreign rings. There has been talk of Ingemar Johansson making a comeback. But, just talk.

In Finland, former boxer Elis Ask is keeping boxing alive. His star performer, heavyweight hope Raimo Nisula, was killed in a car accident. Norway was rather late in taking in boxing and it was not until 1909 that the first national championships got under way.

High standards of living on the continent have hurt boxing. Only talented boxers can make decent money.

N. Y. WANTS CHUVALO-FOREMAN WITH VICTOR TO MEET QUARRY

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left eye in the third round and this was a target. But Foster could not make the most of it. Nor did he cash in on his one large opportunity, in the third, when he hurt Quarry with a solid right to the jaw. Jerry had to hold, and hold hard. But he rallied out of this bad situation in the fourth round.

As the sixth round opened, Foster was stabbing, as usual. Quarry moved away and stood stock still, inviting Mac to mix the action.

Then, of a sudden, the fight was all Quarry and Foster took a terrific beating. He grabbed for referee Johnny LoBianco, and after the fight had been stopped, the Fresno entry went hurtling out of the ring. He really got busted up.

Quarry, at 196, gave away 14 pounds.

The undercard produced a victory for the younger Quarry, Mike. At 173 pounds he outpointed Ray Ayala, New York, 175, in a tough fight which became a wrestling match.

In a four rounder, Brian O'Melia, Jersey City, 193, beat Jimmy Harris, New York, 183.

Randy Neumann, Cliffside Park, N.J., 207, outpointed Edmund Stewart, Jamaica, BWI, 206¾, in another four.

MONEY SHOWER FOR LAGUNA AFTER TKO OVER SUZUKI

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one eye and then the other.

Though beaten severely, Suzuki never let up. He was as eager in the 12th round as he had been in the first. But in the 13th Laguna's extra pressure, now striving for a knockout, produced far more than the game Nipponese could take.

Laguna entered the ring a heavy favorite. There was no Japanese money in the market.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending July 15, 1970

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jerry Quarry kayoed Mac Foster, 6. Jose Urtain beat Jurgen Blin, 15, European Heavyweight Title, kayoed Karl Brunnholz, 1.

Jeff Merritt halted Eddie Vick, 4, Charley Polite, 2. Ron Stander outpointed Eddie Dembry, 8. Vic Brown halted Ron Marsh, 3. Jim Elder stopped Al Banks, 2. Dave Matthews kayoed Joe Sharlow, 2. Terry Krueger halted Woody Parks, 2.

Tony Doyle outpointed Thad Spencer, 10. John Hudgins halted Moses Harrell, 3. Bill Drover beat Sylvester Dullaire, 10, stopped Tony Burwell, 5. Randy Neuman outpointed Edmund Stewart twice, 4 and 8. Jose Roman decisioned Jack O'Halloran, 10. Mario Baruzzi defeated Willie Moore, 8. Rufus Brassell stopped Art Miller, 8.

Cleveland Williams beat Roberto Davila, 10. Gary Wiler kayoed Ed Ostapovich, 3. Pat Duncan halted Eddie Offord, 2. Matt Robinson drew with George Hill, 6.

Jimmy Harris beat Ronnie Roudez, 4. Jim Novembre outpointed Bob Castle, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Andy Kendall beat Chuck Hamilton, 10. Hal Carroll beat Lou Hicks, 10. Vicente Rondon outpointed Levan Roundtree, 10.

Gomeo Brennan stopped Rene Durelle, 2. Mike Quarry decisioned Eddie Avoth, Ray Ayala, 10. Brian Kelly won from Frank Evans, 10. Bobby Covino outpointed Billy Marsh, 8, kayoed Joe Jones, 1. Pete Riccitelli beat Eddie Spence, 10. Paul Cardoza kayoed Roosevelt Brown, 8.

Al Benoit stopped Pedro Rimovsky, 5. Hill Chambers beat Larry Cruz, 8. Larry Buck halted Bill Schellhas, 9. Roger Webster decisioned Enrique Villareal, 10. Stan Johnson stopped Joe Hopkins, 6.

Willis Earls kayoed Paul Patin, 10. Polo Corona defeated Ron Wilson, 10. Ray White decisioned A. J. Staples, 10. Gregory Peralta halted Herbert Ewick, 3. Bruno Scholtz drew with Manny Freitas in six rounds.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Emile Griffith beat Tom Bogs, 10. Doyle Baird decisioned Dub Huntley, 10. Rafael Gutierrez outpointed Jimmy Lester, 10.

Dave Thach beat Chuck McCreary, 10. Mike Pusateri kayoed Kid Bassey II, 7. Tony Licata beat Candy Rosa, 10. Josh Hall decisioned Dom Ortiz, 10. Tommy Torino halted Cliff Johnson, 2. Willie Warren beat Jerry Pellegrini, 10.

Bobby Cassidy stopped Bob Harrington, 2, Sonny Floyd, 1. Johnny Kramer beat Kahu Mahanga, 10. Charlie Austin kayoed Jesse Armenta, 2. Eugene Hart halted Sonny Floyd, 1. Willie Monror stopped Alberto Millan, 3. Luis Vinales drew with Tony Licata, 8. Cassius Naito beat Manfredo Alipala, 10.

Cuby Jackson kayoed Jim Westenberger, 1. John Coiley decisioned Rocky Halliday, 8. Henry Castro beat Freddie Roma, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Hedgemon Lewis kayoed Ricky Ortiz, 3, Billy Backus beat Frankie Steele, 10. Jean Josselin drew with Jose Duran, 10.

Al Romano decisioned Roy Williams, 10, beat Buddy Carr, 6. Manuel Avitia stopped Aristo Castro, 4. Alvin Anderson kayoed Carlos Byrd, 4. Adrian Davis halted Johnny Gant, 2.

Ray Minus decisioned Sandy Jeffries, 10. Bobby Hayman stopped Doug McLeod, 4. David Melendez halted Curtis Phillips, 7. Giles Williams outpointed Angel Rivera, 6. General Neely beat Pie Madison, 1. Art Harris beat Willie Williams, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Nicolino Loche beat Adolph Pruitt, 15, retained World Junior Welterweight Title. Adolph Pruitt kayoed Charlie Shipes, 5. Larry Harding halted Henry Olea, 7. Ely Yares beat Mario Santa Maria, 10. Ricardo Medrano stopped James Vital, 4.

Al Hughes beat Bobby Horton, 6. Bobby Hughes drew with Eddie Beauford, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ismael Laguna halted Ishimatsu Suzuki, 13, retained World Lightweight Title.

Carlos Hernandez beat Jaguar Kakizawa, 10. Benny Huertas stopped Beau Jaynes, 10. Leo DiFiore halted Manuel Rios, 5, Jo Jo Jackson, 3. Bobby Lee outpointed Mario Sauerman, 10.

Kennedy Clark kayoed Ivelaw Eastman, 7, and drew in 8. Pedro Carrasco stopped Jaime Marquez, 2. Beau Jaynes beat Doc McClendon, 10.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hiroshi Kobayashi beat Ray Adigun, 10, nontitle. Rene Barrientos outpointed Shinichi Kodata, 10. Sammy Goss won from Marion Thomas, 10.

Frankie Otero decisioned Casto Ramirez, 10. Edwin Viruet stopped Danny Figueroa, 7.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Antonio Gomez beat Centavito Hernandez, 10. Jose Legra kayoed Domenico Chiloiro, 7. Eder Jofre decisioned Manny Elias, 10.

Dentoranee Muangsurin outpointed Don Johnson, 10. Boom Boom Trujillo beat Jose Jimenez, 8. Terry Rondeau stopped Angel Vazquez, 4. Jose Luis Martinez outpointed Rodolfo Lobato, in 10 rounds.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Takao Sakurai beat Alberto Janagalay, 12, Orient Bantamweight Title. Kazuyoshi Kanazawa outpointed Romy Guelas, 10. Jesus Pimentel kayoed Kuniaki Shimada, 3.

David Vasquez halted Joe Torres, 5. Chuck Spencer stopped Blas Viera, 4. Lenny Brice beat Domi Manalang, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Erbito Salavarria beat Witaya Piernjit, 12, Orient Flyweight Title. Masao Ohba kayoed Baby Corona, 8. John McCluskey outpointed Harry Hayes, 15, British Empire Flyweight Title.

Susumu Hanagata stopped Fernando Lumacad, 7. Sal Montana drew with Arturo Penaduque, 10.

URTAIN HAS TO FIGHT 15 TO EARN DECISION AGAINST BLIN

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At the finish, Smith had to choose between two exhausted heavyweights, who were cut around the eyes and the nose, and were steeped in gore.

Coming in at 197½ pounds, Urtain had a slight advantage in the weights, Jurgen tipping the beam at 192½.

The Blin interest has demanded a return match. But it is doubtful, at this time, if Urtain will stop by the wayside to oblige the German. There is little interest in a second meeting.

New York, N. Y.—American experts who saw the Urtain-Blin fight came back with the word that while the Basque had won, talk of matching him with Joe Frazier was extremely premature.

One veteran said, "The Garden is right in refusing to promote a Frazier-Urtain fight now. The European champion is green. He is strong and game. He can take it. However, Blin decked him in the tenth, and Blin is no KO artist.

"The German had had only one 1970 battle before the Urtain fight. He outpointed Ray Patterson in ten rounds at Hamburg last February.

"The record book shows that Blin has scored only five knockouts in 32 fights.

"Blin lost the European championship to Weiland on November 23, 1968, in a ten-round fight. Against Urtain, Weiland was no competition.

"In short, to send Urtain against Frazier would ruin the Basque's career beyond repair."

URTAIN, NO YOKEL, LIKES FAST CARS AND ENJOYS LIFE

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to absorb and nullify his personality and public image, especially regarding his standing with some sections of the press.

The quarrel made shocking news spiced with harsh words that Casadei had with a TV commentator in the postfight interviews.

The whole thing got plenty of attention in the information media, papers, radio, and TV. Casadei and Urtain separated. A letter written by Urtain to Dr. Roberto Duque, President of the F.E.B. was instrumental in the breakup. The letter was dated several days before his fight with Weiland.

Where does Urtain go from here? Jose Manuel has only one goal, Joe Frazier. Sooner or later they'll meet. Forecasting would be cheap talk. Both men possess a punch capable of ending a fight in seconds. Urtain needs more experience.

For his fight with German Jurgen Blin, he hired a French trainer, Gaetano Micaeleff, and a new sparring partner, Brazilian Getulio Bueno. He has changed quarters and will live near San Sebastian, close to home.

So this man, born May 14, 1943, who likes money and popularity ahead of anything else, and who has put Spain into the heavy top ten, a distinction lost since the time of Uzcudun, and who has stirred up the European scene, will go on. In a few years boxing will boast another saga. However, the Urtain Saga, about a Basque who lifted stones and who fells men, is the reigning talk of European boxing.

UP AND DOWN OLD BROADWAY

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flyweight of the days of Harry Wills, were victims of heart attacks. Cohen battled them all including Pancho Villa, Frankie Genaro and Charley Phil Rosenberg, Sammy wound up his days on Broadway as a stage doorman.

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Received word from Mrs. Jeanette Ran, who is continuously receiving inquiries from her late husband's friends in Europe. Her husband was popular Eddie Ran, who was quite an attraction at the 8th Avenue Garden. He whipped some of the best. Mrs. Ran wants to let the boxing world know that Ran passed away on June 14, 1969.

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WE WUZ ROBBED!

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which referee George Siler handed to Jim Jeffries against Tom Sharkey at Coney Island, N.Y., on the night of November 3, 1899.

It was one of the fiercest fights in the history of the heavyweight division and lasted the limit of 25 rounds.

The experts had no doubt that Jeff had won. But Siler needed police protection to leave the arena. An incensed mob waited for him long after he had returned to the Metropole Hotel in New York.

"If broken ribs and other injuries were genuine evidence, Sharkey was the loser," said Dr. John Erdman, who attended Tom that night and in later years became one of the greatest surgeons in the world.

"We wuz robbed!" hollered the supporters of Billy Graham after his fight with Joey Giardello in New York's Garden on December 19, 1952. It took a Supreme Court decision to keep the decision in favor of Joey.

Referee Ray Miller saw it 5-4-1 in favor of Giardello.

Judge Charley Shortell gave it to Graham, 7-3. Judge Joe Agnello voted 6-4 for Giardello.

Robert Christenberry, chairman of the New York Commission, and C. B. Powell, one of its members, assumed a strange prerogative. They changed the Agnello card to 5-5 in rounds and 6-5 in points favoring Graham.

The State Supreme Court, Justice Bernard Botein presiding, confirmed the decision for Giardello and ruled that Christenberry and Powell had no right to change Agnello's card.

By all odds the strangest series of decisions affecting only one bout involved the world light heavyweight championship, then held by Mike McTigue, after his match with Young Stribling at Columbus, Ga. The fight was contested on October 4, 1923.

The McTigue interests insisted on a Northern referee, and brought Harry Ertle into the picture. Harry turned out to be a human weather vane, swung by the wind to the North, shifted by a gale to the South, and ultimately resting in a calm toward the North.

For three hours, Stribling was the light heavy title holder.

After Ertle, McTigue and Joe Jacobs, Mike's pilot, had boarded a train for New York, Ertle called the AP and the UP and said that he had acted under acute duress when he ruled for Strib. He announced that the original decision, a draw, stood. Georgia once again set up the holler, "We wuz robbed!"

On September 30, 1897, the mining precincts of Scranton, Pa. resounded with "We wuz robbed!" as lustily as that yammer ever had echoed in any American fight venue. The leader of the holler gang was Jack McAuliffe, who had retired as the lightweight champion, only to renege.

Philadelphian Tommy Ryan and Jack fought a ten-round bout at catch weights in the coal metropolis.

McAuliffe gave Ryan a beating. Referee Pat Murphy held Ryan's fist aloft. McAuliffe and his backers tore the joint apart and sent Murph into wild retreat.

Held to account for his mistake, Murphy explained that he had been told that if Ryan was on his feet after ten rounds, he was to get the decision.

Actually, McAuliffe had contracted to carry his opponent (he was not the original great Tommy Ryan).

After the deal had been explained to Murphy he reversed his decision and gave it to McAuliffe.

The mixup induced McAuliffe to go back into retirement.

Quiet, docile Dick Tiger rarely, if ever, has raised his voice in protest.

But he hollered "Larceny" on the night of June 22, 1960, at Edmonton, in Alberta, Canada.

Tiger, the British Empire middleweight champion, fought 15 rounds with Wilfrid Greaves.

Referee Johnny Smith turned in a 5-5-5 card, on the basis of which Tiger retained the championship.

Examination of Smith's scoring reportedly indicated that he actually had made it 6-4-5 in favor of Greaves.

This gave the decision to Greaves, two to one, and with it the Empire title.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, heard the old larceny cry after Jack Dempsey had KO'd Luis Angel Firpo at the Polo Grounds in New York on the night of September 14, 1923.

That Jack most emphatically did stop the Wild Bull of the Pampas in two rounds was not disputed.

However, it could not be disputed that Firpo had knocked Dempsey completely out of the ring, among the reporters, in the first round.

South America hollered that Dempsey had been out of the ring for more than ten seconds and the title had been won by Firpo.

However, referee Jack Gallagher insisted that Jack had clambered back into the ring inside ten seconds, and that was that. Nobody offered any evidence to the contrary.

It is sometimes argued that if Firpo had had a man like Jack Kearns in his corner he would have refused to continue on the ten seconds issue. Quien sabe?

The Jack Sharkey interest set up a vehement demurrer on June 12, 1930, when referee Jim Crowley gave the heavyweight championship of the world to Max Schmeling on a foul in the fourth round. The Uhlan achieved recognition as the direct decendant of Gene Tunney, retired, in the championship line.

Two years later Sharkey got hunks when he outpointed the German in 15 rounds on what is still regarded as a very bad decision. That's No. 10 in our rankings.

For the heavyweight title to be decided on a foul was without modern precedent and it took a lot of what vulgarly are called guts for Crowley to invoke the hitherto uninvoked.

The writer could go on and on—it would take a book to cite only such cases as involved championships—in the tabulation of "We wuz robbed!"

We don't like those yammers. We don't like whatever reason there may be for them. They reflect no credit on anybody or on the fistic game.

But you will hear them holler "We wuz robbed!" just as long as there are fighters, fights, and fans.

CAFFEY WHIPS NERATHA FOR ● HIS SIXTH IN ROW ●

By Bruce Trampler

Youngstown, Ohio — Unbeaten James Caffey, 154, Youngstown, stopped Vinnie Neratha, 154, Uniontown, in the third round to record his sixth straight. Caffey opened a bad cut under Vinnie's right eye in the opening minute.

Midway through the second round, Neratha crossed a right to Caffey's chin, putting the Dean Chance-sponsored fighter on the deck. Vinnie's smooth boxing took the rest of the round. He was coming on strong, despite the cut eye in the third when a miss tumbled him through the ropes. Neratha was unable to continue.

In the only other pro bout on the card, Mac Boswell, 210, Youngstown, kayoed J. D. McCauley, 214, Columbus, in the third. Mac, a stablemate of Caffey, is 3-0, all kayos.

Frankie Schram, Columbus heavyweight, came up to box Detroit's Larry Charleston, as per contract, but decided not to get dressed when he found the man in the opposite corner would be Ronnie Marsh.

► **Akron**—Local welter Fate Davis, whose left hook and right cross make his possibly the hardest hitter in his class outside of Jose Napoles, won his second fight in less than a month when he outpointed Bobby "Songbird" Williams, of Memphis.

Davis connected with a long right to drop Williams in the sixth but pressed too much the rest of the fight. Williams battled furiously from the sixth on, but despite the hot action, Davis took a 10-0 nod on all official cards. Fate is now 35-8-1, and wonders why Percy Pugh has pulled out of a number of scheduled encounters.

In the semi-final, Indianapolis feather Marion Thomas, a slick boxer-puncher, took an eight round decision over veteran Irish Tommy Fix, Shelby, Ohio. Thomas, now 12-1-1. was given a close go of it.

Ohio's lightweight champion, Lyle Randolph, appeared in a six and won over Cleveland's Willie Williams. Randolph, not in top shape due to his school teaching chores, put Williams down in the second.

Sonny Oliver, 140, Akron, took an unpopular decision in four over Johnny (JoJo) White, 135, Muskegon.

► **Lima**—Heavyweight Rufus Brassell, 199, returned home after losses to George Foreman and Jerry Quarry and regained the winning touch by stopping veteran Art (Curly) Miller, 190, Mansfield, in round eight.

Brassell, now 14-3, dropped Miller in the sixth, but it was a cut over the balding battler's left eye that prompted the referee to halt the action.

Former National Golden Gloves champ (1968) Roy Dale, 163, Cincinnati, won a six from Roy McMillan, 159, Toledo, to run his record to 9-1.

George (Bobo) McGee, 161, Toledo, took a six over Columbus Lloyd, 160, Indianapolis. McGee scored a first-round knockdown, and gained his third win over Lloyd.

BOXING QUIZ

1: Which professional fighter fought the most bouts?
Ans: Abraham Hollandersky, 1,309 fights.

2: Which heavyweight set record by fighting three main events in three different arenas on one day?
Ans: Battling Levinsky, on New Year's Day, 1915.

3: Which ex-heavyweight champion holds the record for being floored?
Ans: Floyd Patterson, 17 times in title contests.

4: How many champions have received Ring Magazine gold championship belts?
Ans: 227

5: Which champion engaged in the most title fights?
Ans: Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champ—27.

6: Who scored the most consecutive knockouts in pro boxing?
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VIRUETS MAY JOIN OTHER SUCCESSFUL RING BROTHERS

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in all. I developed the Viruet boys in that gym.

Jose reached the semi-finals of the Golden Gloves in mid-1968 but dropped out. "A year later, at age 21," De Maria added, "Jose died. He would have became a good welterweight.

"Another loss to the sport—and me—was Dorman Viruet. He boxed as a featherweight in 1969, lost in the finals, lost interest in the ring and gave up the sport. Now only Edwin and Adolfo are active and ambitious."

There is yet another Viruet eager to fight for money, 15-year-old Miguel. He had been tutored by De Maria, slowly, patiently. The youngster is quick to learn and eager to fight.

Edwin, a 5-foot-8 lightweight—and still growing—began to box as a simon-pure on February 1, 1968. Quick to pick up the finer points, he went undefeated in 18 contests. He won the open and sub-novice bantam and featherweight Golden Gloves titles in 1968 and 1969.

Adolfo, also a school dropout, started boxing the same year as his brother Edwin. He captured the sub-novice and open Golden Gloves and Metropolitan AAU 126-pound titles the same year as the older Viruet starred, in the same tournaments. Adolfo also went undefeated in 18 battles.

When the Golden Gloves championships were being held in Madison Square Garden, on March 21, 1969, Edwin and Adolfo—dressed in colorful ring togs, wearing gloves—stood in their respective corners, presumably ready to fight for the featherweight title.

After being introduced, they were called to ring center. Since brothers are not permitted to fight each other, referee Randy Sandy raised the hand of each boxer, and each was declared a champion.

"All the Viruet kids," proudly declared De Maria, "knew many of the boxing moves long before they came under my care. They had been practicing with padded mittens at an early age, boxing with each other in the yard, the house basement—anywhere that had space. Four of the boys participated in amateur engagements, doing well."

Edwin and Adolfo get along just fine. Little difficulties pop up occasionally. But nothing serious. They quickly straighten up any disagreement or arguments, and all is well again. They're like twins.

Edwin, age 20, has taken part in swim meets played baseball and won billiard tournaments. He is a good golfer. Musically inclined, he plays the flute . . . likes Latin music and Rock 'n Roll . . . goes dancing, loves fishing.

"Edwin and I have similar interests," said the rugged Adolfo. "We like the same type food—preferably Italian. Our favorite cook is not our mother, whom we adore. It is Josephine De Maria, our manager's wife. She prepares delightful, tasty food. We love to eat in Joe's house."

Edwin is the more talented boxer. He turned pro on August 22, 1969, and has won all his nine bouts with comparative ease. He moves smoothly, boxes cool and confident . . . shooting snappy left jabs and hooks . . . cleverly avoiding blows . . . countering with quick rights . . . shooting sharp uppercuts. He reminds old-timers of skilled boxers of the past.

Because of his classic style, Edwin has been raised to main event status after only seven pro fights, twice topping the cards at Embassy Hall in North Bergen. First he pounded tough Eddie Rivera out of action in the fifth of an 8-round bout. A few weeks later he halted Danny Figueroa in seven rounds—handing his fellow Puerto Rican a good drubbing.

Praise of Viruet's boxing, his speed and grace, induced matchmaker Duke Stefano to inform the fans that Edwin will be showing his skill there as often as possible. He is in great demand.

Some months ago a well-known fight manager approached Edwin and made him a lavish offer to come under his management. "Of course I rejected it," said the boxer. "I told the man that even if he offered a great deal more than he promised, the answer would still be no. Why, I wouldn't leave Joe De Maria for a million bucks. He treats me and Adolfo like sons."

Joe De Maria, who has been training and managing fighters for 30 years, smiled gratefully at his charge, then said "The Viruet kids have character, loyalty and appreciation. Soon their father, Adolfo—a house painter—is moving to Arecibo, P.R., with his family. Only Edwin and Adolfo will remain here. They will live at my home. My wife and I are happy to have them."

Naturally, the boys will miss their parents. And the parents will miss their sons—miss seeing them in ring action. The father and mother, brothers, uncles, cousins and aunts always came to root for the boxers. "Our parents," said Adolfo, "encouraged us to become boxers."

The younger Viruet, who is 18, started as a pro in February, 1970, and is undefeated in five bouts. Standing 5-foot-6, strong and stocky, Adolfo likes to wade in and punch. In his most recent scrap, he was outboxed by Eddie Pick in the first round. In the second he opened up with a vicious barrage and demolished his more seasoned opponent.

"Adolfo isn't really a crude slugger," explained De Maria. "He can box fairly well. But he's a naturally aggressive slambang fighter; not the fancy jabbing, hooking, counter-punching type. His style is wade-in and outwallop his rivals. He's good at it."

Edwin and Adolfo go cycling together . . . attend parties . . . go to dances . . . work out in the gym together. When sparring both are careful not to throw damaging blows.

Edwin's favorite food is lasagna—preferably that made by Josephine De Maria; orange juice is his favorite beverage. His favorite ringman is Willie Pep. Edwin is trying to adopt Willie's boxing style.

The brothers spend much of their time with homing pigeons, having started their hobby at an early age. They own about 60 fine birds, also a few parakeets and a German shepherd dog. The boys breed the birds, feed them, exercise them and race them against other fanciers. They still don't know what will happen with their pets and pigeons when they come to live at the De Maria home.

Joe, who frequently steps into the ring to box with his charges, has taught the Viruets many fine points and the kids are grateful. "I have no contract with them, knowing their loyalty and fine character. But they insisted that I sign them up. So now I have their signatures."

15-year-old Miguel Viruet hates to leave New York and Joe De Maria's Gym. He wants to remain here and enter the amateurs. The manager has promised Miguel that in a year or two—when the youth has practiced in Puerto Rico, behaved well and put on more weight, Joe would send for him.

"I mean it," said De Maria. "The kid has great promise."

KENDALL AGAIN VICTORIOUS OVER HAMILTON IN PORTLAND

By John Nolen

Portland, Ore. — Andy Kendall, seemingly slowed down by last year's defeats by Bob Foster and Dick Tiger, made it two straight over California light-heavyweight Chuck Hamilton, again on a 10-round decision.

The 30-yeor-old Kendall, weighing in at a trim 172, his lightest in years, blamed intestinal flu for his sluggish performance. But it's no secret that he disdains road work.

Still, the Portlander landed enough solid body punches to offset the peppery but deceptive punches of the 178-pounder from San Francisco.

"Only one guy I've fought punches any harder," gasped Kendall afterwards. "And that's the champion—Foster."

Hamilton, who earned a draw from one of the judges but lost on the other two cards by margins of 98-97 and 98-95, delights in flurrying in the final seconds of each round, admittedly "to catch the eye of the judges."

Kendall, who seemingly lacks only conditioning to overcome his one-punch style of fighting, is eager to get a rematch with Larry Buck, after their 10-round draw in Seattle earlier this year.

Unbeaten Portland youngsters Tony Jacobs and Ray Lampkin padded their victory totals. Jacobs, 159, ate up Reno's Manny Gallat, 152. The mismatch ended at 1:24 of the first, Lampkin, 135, is unbeaten in six pro bouts after grinding out a unanimous, six-round decision over Ron Mendola, San Francisco.

► **Eugene, Ore.**—Mike Seyler, 156, Eugene, continued his comeback by making Tony Dohling, 162, Vancouver, B.C., his sixth consecutive victim. The Oregon middleweight, boosting his record to 22-8-2, gave the Canuck such a going-over that he was unable to answer the bell for round seven.

Unbeaten Eugene heavyweight, Terry Hinke, 212, decked Maurice Rice, 190, Seattle, en route to a six-round split decision,

North Bend middleweight Dave Rogers lost to Kalman Santosi, Vancouver, B.C. The Canadian earned a six round decision. Nat "Baby Huey" Green, Portland heavyweight, remained unbeaten with a surprising six-round draw with Seattle's Gary "Hobo" Wiler.

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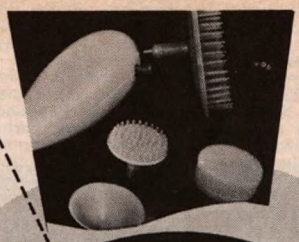

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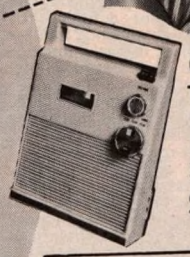

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MERRITT WINS TWICE AT MIAMI BEACH

By Hank Kaplan

Miami Beach, Florida — Big Jeff Merritt, weighing in at 212½ and operating out of Miami Beach, accepted the unorthodoxy of Eddie Vick, 200¾, New York, for three rounds, then found an opening for his big right hand in round to end the interesting contest.

Vick, accompanied by Manager Al LaCava, and possessor of an accurate and hurting right hand, fought out of a crouch as Merritt appeared to tower over him. In the third round, Vick caught Jeff with a right which shook the cobwebs out and had the eventual effect of spelling doom for the New Yorker. Jeff was angered and came out blasting in round four, not only with his vaunted left hook and uppercut, but actually put the finisher on with a straight right. Referee Cy Gottfried quickly curtailed further action when it became obvious Vick had lost all defensive capability.

2,131 spectators viewed the Miami Beach Auditorium show with Chris Dundee promoting the pre-summer card.

In a scheduled eight-round semi-final, Doug Rogers, 152½, Miami, created a spectacular ending to a bout against Buddy Taylor, 147½, Nassau, Bahamas, which was running about even just before the end. Rogers, stalking Taylor, crossed the short right hand over Taylor's jab and caught him high on the face to stun his opponent to the 10 count. Rogers afterward credited Cassius Clay for teaching him the technique on a recent visit here. The end came in round three for the game Bahamian.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Tommy Torino, 155, Hollywood, Florida, extended his winning side to 22 bouts with two losses and two draws, as he stopped Sandy Jefferis, 147½, St. Petersburg, in round four. The vastly improved Torino was handled by manager Danny LiCitra.

In a six-rounder, Rene Kinsey, 180¾, Miami, topped Vernon Beale, 174½, Phila., Pa., in a closely fought bout which pleased the crowd.

In a four-rounder, Leo Barnett, 174¼, Miami, took a decision from Jimmy White, 178, Talahassee, Florida, in a spirited contest.

► **Homestead, Florida**—A well-received card with a disappointing attendance marked the initial attempt of promoter and matchmaker, Jimmy Mackey to revive professional boxing in the City of Homestead, about 35 miles south of the Miami area and a thriving agricultural center. Mackey, former crack Miami lightweight, now dedicated to the promotional field, put on a quartet of bouts which produced thrills a larger venture would have been proud of despite the light turnout. Jimmy promised the receipts collected from this show would not prove a deterrent to planned future productions in this City.

In the 10-round feature, Willie Johnson, Boynton, Beach, 192, now known as "The Invader," looked the part as he decked George Holden, 187, Melbourne, twice in the sixth round and inflicted enough punishment to prevent his opponent's exit for the seventh round. Holden had hit the canvas twice before in previous rounds but on each occasion came back to return the fire to Johnson. Johnson's right hand was particularly damaging.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, Miami schoolteacher, Otis Dee, knocked out Charley Clark, Melbourne, Florida, in the third round of a heavyweight duel.

A second six-rounder found the return of George Sawyer, an elongated welterweight now living in Miami, resulting in a decision victory over L. B. (Soul Brother) Brown, of Melbourne.

In a final six-rounder, Hoot Gibson, Miami, took a points win over Clarence "Pleze" Williams, Philadelphia, in a light heavyweight bout.

Odell Williams served as referee for the contests.

► **Miami, Beach Florida**—The latest heart throb of the South Florida boxing community is Hialeah's Frankie Otero, the kid who arrived here a few short years back seeking refuge from Cuba, the country of his birth. Frankie grew up in the famed race-track city watching the progress of his heroes, Luis Rodriguez, Florentino Fernandez, Douglas Vaillant, Sugar Ramos, Jose Napoles and Jose Legra.

In notching his 23rd ring victory, Otero, 130¼, Hialeah, left little doubt in a repeat decision over Castro Ramirez, 129, San Juan, P.R., as the judges awarded him the unanimous duke. Ramirez, a dangerous puncher, made the action rough during the early rounds but after the fourth, Otero's boxing ability took over and the fight was his the rest of the way. Frankie showed quite a bit of versatility as he tossed leather in slugging fashion between a lot of boxing polish. Enroute to the impressive win, Frankie produced one of the most memorable rounds of fighting in the recent history of the Miami Beach Auditorium as he had Ramirez on the deck a couple of times in the fourth round. The officials voted as follows: referee Eddie Eckert scored it 48-43, judge Stu Winston viewed it the same at 48-43, while judge Bunny Lovett had the duel 49-43, all for the Hialeah boy.

In a companion ten-round feature, Johnny Hudgins, 192, Miami, captured a split-decision victory over Mose Harrell, 197½, St. Petersburg, in a closely contested affair. Hudgins, perhaps the more powerful puncher of the two promising fighters, found Harrell too elusive at times. Johnny's aggressiveness over Harrell's prowess was the difference in the judging but only a rematch could determine a clear cut victor.

In a scheduled six-round contest, J. C. Ponder, 167½, former sparring partner for many big name fighters of this area, pulled an upset victory over Joe Hooks, 167¼, Philadelphia, as he gained a technical knockout in the second round. The referee halted the action when it appeared to him that Hooks was stung by a Ponder right hand followed by a picked up offense by the veteran. Hooks was never seriously hurt nor did he hit the deck so the crowd felt the decision to stop the fight was premature.

In a four rounder, Cliff Johnson, 154½, Fort Lauderdale, took a decision over newcomer Joe Cavana, 154¾, Miami.

► **Miami Beach Florida**—In his third and most impressive local demonstration, Jeff Merritt, 209½, now operating out of Miami, exploded on the usually elusive Charley Polite, 215, Holyoke, Mass., forcing referee Cy Gottfried to cut the action in round two. Six foot, five inch Merritt, a punishing puncher with either hand, had Polite on the canvas twice for mandatory eight counts in the second, the first being produced by a left uppercut. Gottfried stopped the fight when it became obvious Polite could no longer defend himself. Polite made the first round fairly even but in the second he encountered a Merritt barrage he was unable to cope with. The victory was Merritt's 15th win in 16 outings, with 11 via the knockout route.

In a widely-applauded 8-rounder, Doug Rogers, Miami, 154, battled Jimmy Williams, 156, Jacksonville, to a draw verdict. The young combatants produced enough action for promoter Chris Dundee to require their services for a future rematch.

George Holden, 192, Melbourne, one of the busiest heavyweights in the country, posted a fifth round TKO over Dick Stevens, 186, Scranton, Pa., in a mild upset. The contest was scheduled for six rounds.

In a light heavyweight bout, Jim Fountain, 168, Miami, copped a four round points win over Willie Barnett, 167½, Miami.

In a crowd pleaser, Bobby Hopkins, 153, Miami, and Joe Cavana, 154, Miami, settled for a four-round draw verdict by the judges.

2,485 fans were attracted to the Chris Dundee promotion at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

► **Homestead, Florida** — In a second effort to keep boxing going at the Homestead Armory in Homestead, Florida, Jimmy Mackey, promoter, brought in Willie McIntyre, 183, from Fort Lauderdale, about 50 miles up the peninsular coast, against Mark Lee, 210, Los Angeles, protege of Duane Simpson. The improved McIntyre found Lee an easy target as he stopped the West Coast boy in the second round.

In the semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, Jimmy Gibavitch, 149, Hialeah, remained on the winning track as he halted George Sawyer, 147, Miami, in the seventh round of a contest favored by the spectators.

Miami Junior High School teacher, Otis Dee, 195, dropped a six-round decision to Abe Tiger Brown, 210, Melbourne, in a closely fought bout.

In an eight rounder, Clarence "Pleze" Williams, 167, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision bout over Hoot Gibson, 172, Miami, his former conquerer.

Matchmaker-Promoter Jimmy Mackey, plans to continue the presentation of boxing shows at the Homestead Armory on a twice monthly basis.

► **Miami Beach, Florida**—In order to answer the "Doubting Thomas" fight followers, Gomeo Brennan gave constructive notice to the middleweights and light heavies that the vaunted power in his right cross is still with him despite lack of activity in recent months. Brennan, now one of Hollywood, Florida's "finest," is career-bound but boxing is still very much part of his life, particularly since his newly acquired status of high world ranking.

Weighing the heaviest of his career, 173½, Gomeo Brennan, Bimini, allowed Rene Durelle, 174, Montreal, some aggressive moments in the first round and part of the second. Brennan reacted with a good left jab to halt each attack, while hunting an opening for the counter-punch. Toward the end of round two, Gomeo, the Bimini Belter, found an opening and crossed his right while Durelle was close to the ropes, dropping the Canadian for the full count and then some. The loss marked the fifth for the former Canadian light heavyweight champion while boosting Brennan's record to 81 wins in 107 appearances with 40 knockouts.

In the semi-final scheduled for 10 rounds, Johnny Hudgins, 193½, Miami, unleashed a volley of power blows on the dancing and moving Mose Harrell, 193, St. Petersburg, in the third round to force a halt of the contest by the referee. Hudgins forced the battle while Harrell jabbed to offset the oncoming Hudgins, a power threat at any time. But in the third, big John closed the controversy of superiority for the time being when he started Harrell on his downfall with a booming right to the head.

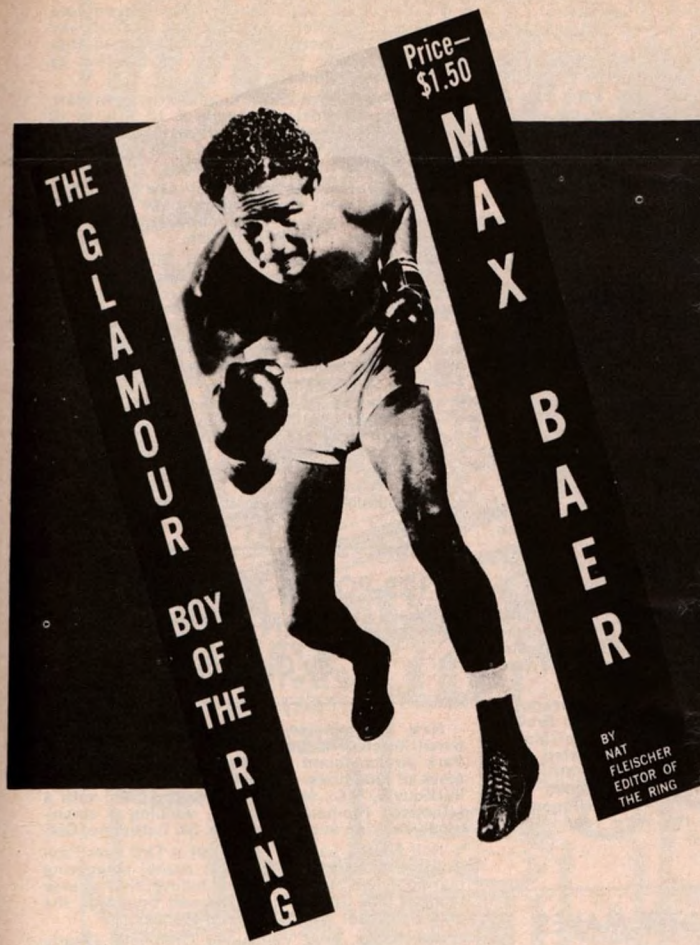
In a scheduled sixer, Tommy Torino, 158, Hollywood, Florida, fast-rising prospect, was the winner via a clean knockout over Cliff Johnson, 154, Fort Lauderdale, who made a great fight of it until the end in round two. Both boys were stung earlier in the fight but Torino produced the unexpected KO to end it all.

In four round bouts, Otis Locklear, 144, Miami, spoiled the debut of Thomas Mathews, 152, Miami, and Mark Van Wagner, 156½, Miami, did the same to Norman Richardson, 157½, Miami, both losers exiting on a knockout loss in one round each.

► **Miami Highlights** — Big Al Jones, the giant heavyweight who enjoys recognition as one of the top rated men in his division, is back in training after a long layoff due to a busted left hand. With a watchful eye, Angelo Dundee was present at all the local matches of the International Boxing League, evaluating the future potential of the simon-pures and on one occasion served as a judge for a set of contests. Joe "King" Roman, Puerto Rican heavyweight now operating full time out of Tampa, married Linda Rodriguez of Lutz, Florida, on June 7. New boxing promoters at the Fort Hesterly Armory Arena, are Jerry Bittman and Phil Alessi, displacing the team of Lou Viscusi and Earl Gilliam who stepped aside for the young and enterprising duet. Miami Beach promoter, Chris Dundee, has his summer schedule at the Miami Beach Auditorium in full gear and plans to give a lot of local talent an opportunity to exhibit their wares before the hometown folks. Because he trained at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym where he made many friends, Ismael Laguna had lots of fans rooting for him when he defended his lightweight title against Ishimatsu Suzuki at Panama recently. Irish Jimmy Clinch, who battled around Meriden, Connecticut, during the days of Lou "Kid" Kaplan, visited here and renewed the old days with glovemen from the same area and time, Jackie Pilkington and Mickey Genero. Cleveland "Big Cat' Williams, one-time challenger for the heavyweight title, trained in Tampa for his recent victory over Roberto Davilla in Milwaukee. Former middleweight contender during the heyday of televised boxing, Sammy Walker, is in the process of gathering up enough boxing equipment to hold boxing classes during the summer months at Miami's Holmes Playground. Science teacher at Kinloch Park Junior High School, Otis Dee, is now trying to apply his scientific principles to the art of boxing and in compiling a 2-2-2 record thus far without the benefit of amateur experience, he is still in the running. Former great amateur and U.S. Olympic champion of the welterweights Dr. Eddie Flynn is still at the helm of the Tampa Boxing Commission and oversees that activity with an expert view.

Mike Lanum, tall and stringy heavyweight who made lots of friends here a couple of years ago as he battled several good heavyweights, now shows up as sparring partner for Dave Zyglewicz in the ABC Gym at Houston, Texas. Benny Rubin's pride and joy, highly thought of Hector Sanchez, Panamanian lightweight, was stopped in the 10th round in Paris against French lightweight champion, Roger Zami. Former WBA heavyweight champion Jimmy Ellis is rapidly attaining top condition again and will soon be ready for a big match. One of the unsung heroes of the Miami Beach Auditorium boxing action is Johnny Karp, former major league ballplayer who does an excellent job as the arena's timekeeper. Jackie Snyder, who once showed his stuff in important Madison Square Garden featherweight elimination contests, has returned from a Northern trip to once again join the local boxing fraternity. George Mandot, former South Florida Veteran Boxer's Association President, recuperating in Long Island home following a serious operation. Jack Portney and Jackie Pilkington, top ringmen in their day, were the two honorees at the recent Veteran Boxer's Association Annual affair which took place at the Balmoral Hotel on Miami Beach.

Frankie Otero, Miami's red-hot junior lightweight, disputes the claim which Hector McBride of Tampa has made for the featherweight title of Florida State and maintains he has a running challenge to McBride for that right. Tony Licata, Tampa welterweight with a 11-0 record, in the process of growing to middleweight proportions, may be moved up amongst better class opposition soon. New additions to the respective families of former boxing scribe Al Clevens and Bobby Marrie, crack lightweight of several years back. Gomeo Brennan, who uses his nightstick so effectively as a Hollywood, Florida, policeman used it on Rene Durelle in a spectacular knockout on a recent Miami Beach Auditorium show. Luis Rodriguez has a couple of good matches on the fire and is still hopeful for another crack at the middleweight title even if he has to fight light heavyweights to kindle that ray of hope. Mr. and Mrs. Joe "King" Roman, Tampa heavyweight kingpin, honeymooning in Miami, just in time to catch Mose Harrell, a recent opponent, in action at the Miami Beach Auditorium.



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BAIRD TOPS HUNTLEY AT CLEVELAND

By Don Elbaum

Cleveland, O.—Doyle Baird, weighing 173, the heaviest of his career, won a hard fought 10-round split decision over rugged Dub Huntley in the 10-round main event at the Cleveland Arena.

Huntley, who weighed 162½, came in as a last minute sub for Wild Bull Hardney and gave the rugged Baird, from Akron, a rough time of it.

The two fighters stood toe to toe for most of the 10 rounds and a two-fisted body attack by the middleweight contender was a bit too much for Huntley to overcome. The two fighters received a standing ovation at the end of the bout.

Referee John Christopher scored it 47-45 for Baird and judge Jackie Keough had it 48-45 for the winner. Judge Gonzalez had it 47-43 for Huntley.

The 10-round semi-final found the sensational Chuck Spencer, North American bantamweight king, stop game Blas Viera in the fourth round. Chuck won his 10th fight and scored his ninth KO over his former two-time conqueror. Looking like the greatest fighting machine in the area, Chuck got nailed with a good right hand in the first round only to come roaring back with a two-fisted attack that had Blas in trouble at the end of the third round. The KO was the fifth straight for the former Air Force Champion, who now works for TKA.

Both fighters weighed 125, though Spencer can easily make the 118 pound limit.

Bobby Haymon, of Cleveland, is another fine looking prospect and he made his record 9-2-1, with eight straight wins without a defeat, as he stopped veteran Doug McLeod of Grand Rapids in the third round. Haymon had complete control over Doug who had to take off three pounds in order to make the 156-pound contract.

Haymon, who had just defeated Adrian Davis, looked great as he cut up McLeod to score his third KO.

In an upset, Harold Carter won his second fight in three tries when he took a decision over Paul Nilsen of Toronto in a heavyweight fight. The former Cleveland Golden Glove champ was shook up a couple of times but came roaring back to win the duke in a hard-fought sixer.

Opening the card, classy Tap Harris, a fighter from Cleveland who looks like the goods, made his pro debut a successful one when he banged out a unanimous decision over experienced Willie Williams of Cleveland. This was a four rounder.

A crowd of 1,399 paid $7,527, the smallest turnout in the return of boxing to Cleveland.

This writer will be running boxing shows in Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Akron, Youngstown, Buffalo, Erie and Mansfield, Ohio, starting in September.

FADED SPENCER FAILS AGAIN IN TEN WITH TONY DOYLE

By George D. Blair

Minneapolis, Minn.—Tony Doyle, 211, Salt Lake, made his first Minnesota appearance, and took a unanimous 10-round decision over Thad Spencer, 202, San Francisco, in the Auditorium.

For the first five rounds, Doyle outboxed Spencer, scoring well with his left jab and right hand shots. Doyle opened up well in the last half of the bout with a body attack. Doyle suffered a cut eye in the seventh round, and the action remained hot and heavy for the remainder of the bout.

A local upset was scored by veteran Al Franklin, 142, Minneapolis, as he stopped previously undefeated Fred Jimenez, 141, St. Paul, at 1:39 of the fourth round. The bout was fairly even up to the point where Franklin caught Jimenez with a short right hand to the jaw. Fred beat the count but was in no condition to continue. He was sadly overmatched.

Frank Jimenez, 162, Albert Lea, outpointed Bob Hill, 162, St. Paul. Hill was down five times.

Tom Van Hoof, 162, Winona, stopped Charlie Lewis, 167, Anderson, Ind., in five.

Al Davis, 148, St. Paul, outpointed Terry Chrapko, 146. Minneapolis, four.

► **Milwaukee, Wis.**—Cleveland Williams, 226, Houston, scored a 10-round decision over Roberto Davila, 201, Peru. Williams tried to put the kayo on Roberto. However Davila proved to be too tough and smart. The show drew 2,604 fans and a gate of $8,192.

Al Evans, 178, Detroit, knocked out Vidal Flores, 175½, Milwaukee, seven.

Tom Heisler, 157, Milwaukee, outpointed Billy Goodwin, 154, Cincinnati, two.

Red Nicholas, 167, Milwaukee and Columbus Lloyd, 163, Cincinnati, drew, four.

Lee Estes, Minneapolis heavyweight, campaigning in the Washington area, was stopped in the second round by Gary Wiler at Yakima.

► **Detroit Lakes, Minn.**—Charley Retzlaff, one of the hardest punching heavyweights to come out of Minnesota, died of cancer recently.

Retzlaff had a 59-8-2 record, with 2 no contests, and 2 no decisions. Charley kayoed 52 of his opponents. He had wins over Jimmy Braddock, Art Lasky, Tom Heeney, Johnny Risko and Al Ettore. Retzlaff's biggest chance came on January 17, 1936, in Chicago, against Joe Louis, but Charley was knocked out in the first round before 16,945 fans.

► **Omaha, Nebr.**—Ron Marsh, 182, Minneapolis, was a surprise loser on a cut eye to Vic Brown, 196, Buffalo, in three rounds. Since Marsh started his comeback, he had deefated Lou Bailey and Ben Black on decisions.

On the same card, Terry "Tex" Chrapko, 140, Minneapolis, was stopped by Dale Hernandez, 139, Omaha, at 2:20 of the third round. Dale was making his pro debut.

PHILLY PROMOTER MAKES CASE FOR SMALL CLUBS

By J. Russell Peltz

Philadelphia, Pa.—The general belief among boxing people around the country is that the game needs the return of the small clubs, both to develop talent and to give the fans competition at reasonable rates. Not all of the customers can afford those $50 ringside seats, $100 for some of the New York fights in the Garden.

The argument in favor of the small club has been clinched in many places, notably here in Philadelphia at the Blue Horizon Auditorium, where I promoted this past season.

We completed the 1969-70 season at the Blue Horizon with three blockbusters. Our 15 shows, starting last September and ending in May, drew 15,000 fans who paid $53,000.

Recently, North Philadelphia middleweight Lloyd Nelson, 162, made his most impressive local showing when he needed only 2:51 of the first round to flatten Julius Dickens, 160, Washington, D.C. Nelson, a Peers, Inc., boxer, has a 6-1-1 record, while Dickens is 15-12.

In the six-round semi-windup, Cloverlay's Willie (The Worm) Monroe, 156, dispatched Pittsburgh's Ted Hamilton, 164, with one right hand after 48 seconds of the first round. Monroe's record soared to 6-5-0, all KO's, while Hamilton's dropped to 5-8.

Best of the prelims was the six-round draw between Ricky Thomas, 138, Brick Town, N.J., and Angel Rivera, 135, New York. In the four-rounders, Ray Hart, 127½, North Philadelphia, decisioned John Patterson, 130½, Trenton; and George Hill, 212, of West Philadelphia, stopped Tony Fernandez, 188, of Baltimore, at 2:16 of the fourth round.

Trenton featherweight Sam Goss, 129, made his fifth showing of the season at the Blue Horizon, needing only two rounds to dispose of New Yorker, Billy Wade, 132. In their first bout, last November, the pair battled 10 rounds with Goss earning the nod. Sam is now 15-1 with 10 KO's. Wade's loss brought his log to 8-6.

The six-round semi-windup also was soon over with West Philadelphian Giles Williams, 139, stopping New Yorker Manuel Rodriguez, 139, in the second round.

Best of the prelims was a heavyweight match between George Hill, West Philadelphia, and Donald Branch, North Philadelphia. Branch, 198, making his pro debut, dropped Hill, 212, twice in the first round, only to be dropped himself near the end of the round.

Hill again floored Branch early in round two and the bout was stopped in his favor.

Paul Altemar, 143, Frankford, decisioned Jose Rodriguez, 141, North Philadelphia, in four; and Ray Hart, 128, North Philadelphia, stopped Jose Rivera, 129, New York, at 2:51 of the first by scoring three knockdowns.

► In another recent show, Eugene (Cyclone) Hart, 155, North Philadelphia, made it 10 KOs in 10 starts by knocking Sonny Floyd, 155, Trenton, through the ropes and out cold after 58 seconds of the first round.

The co-featured eight-rounder saw Cloverlay's Willie (The Worm) Monroe, 158, make it six KO's in six outings with a third-round knockout over Alberto Millan, 160, Puerto Rico.

West Philadelphia lightweight Giles Williams, 137, had all he could take and more while edging Puerto Rican Angel Rivera, 136, through six tough rounds. The win gave Williams a 6-1 record.

Mayfair heavyweight Jerry Judge, 200, demolished Sam Saunders, 240, South Philadelphia, after only 46 seconds of the first round, flooring Saunders three times.

Middleweight Clarence Finney, 155, Germantown, halted John Taylor, New York, at 1:41 of the opener; Ray Hart, 133, North Philadelphia, knocked out Bobby Harris, 136, West Philadelphia, in the first round; and Sam Gilmore, 148, Newark, N.J., outhustled Randy Benson, 148, North Philadelphia, to get the decision in a four.

125-POUND SCOTT BEST IN CANADIAN NATIONALS

By Gene Bell

New Westminster, B.C. — The Canadian National Amateur boxing championships, at Queens Park Arena found the Western hosts winning most of the titles. Chris Ius, Northwest Eagles, Vancouver, B.C., took the 106-pound title, with a relentless two-handed attack, winning a unanimous decision over Noel Brain, St. Catherine, Ont.

Neil Austin, Langley, B.C., got a TKO over Paul Collette, Montreal, in the first round, staggering his opponent several times before the referee stopped the fight. This 112-pound bout was the only fight that didn't go the distance.

Joe Cooke, East Vancouver Optimists, clearly outpointed Richard Doutre, 119, Montreal. Frankie Scott, 125, New Westminster, who has had more than 200 amateur fights, was pressed to take a decision over Jose Martinez, Montreal. Scott won the best fighter award.

Marv Arneson, 132, Edmonton, Alberta, decisioned Michel Briere, Montreal, in a slugfest. Freddie Fuller, Vancouver Fire Fighters, 139, another boy with well over 200 fights, took a clear-cut decision over Montreal's Marshall Butler. Paride Baldassarre, Montreal, decisioned Jim Titley, 147, Edmonton, for the first Eastern win of the evening.

Raymond Doiron, 156, Kitchener, Ontario, defeated veteran Dave Wiley, Vancouver Fire Fighters, in a crowd pleaser. James Malish, Hull, Quebec, decisioned Harry Clearsky, Winnipeg, Man., at 165. In an alternate 165er Chester Douglas, Surrey, B.C., decisioned Michel Marceau, A.S.B., Quebec.

Daryl Olsen, Ladner, B.C., won a split decision over Alcide Latour, Vallfield, Quebec, in the 178 pound division. Big Jack Meda, Prince George, B.C., won by default.

The winners are going to Scotland next month. The coach, as selected by the Canadian Empire Gloves, is Elio J. Ius, of Northwest Eagles, Vancouver, B.C., and the team manager will be Gordon Russell, Edmonton, Alberta.

BAHAMAS CHAMPION MILLER KO'd BY HUDGINS

By Fred Sturrup

Nassau, Bahamas—Elisha Obed stopped Milton Hall, New York, in two rounds, then scored a third round TKO over Bert Woods to earn a title shot at welter champion Ray Minus.

Light heavy champion Baby Boy Rolle gained decisions over Miamian Willie McIntyre and Plaz Williams, Philadelphia. He is trying to get a shot at Leonard "Boston Blackie" Miller, heavyweight champion of the Bahamas.

Former Bahamas heavy king Bert Perry has recorded two victories since his return to action. He stopped James Howard and George Holden.

Miller, who had not lost in over five years, was knocked out in the third round by Johnny Hudgins, Miami.

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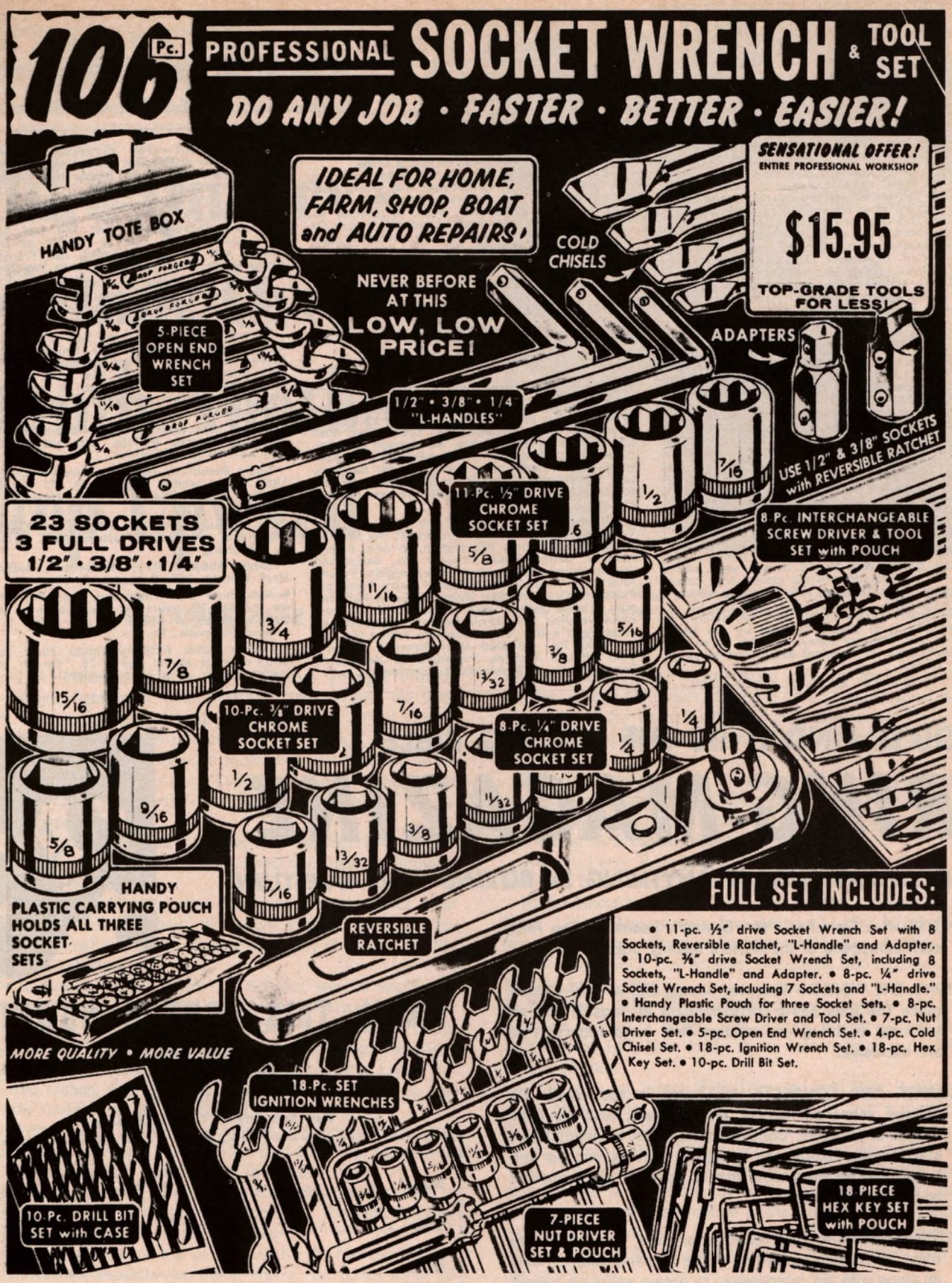

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● MIDWEST BOXING REPORT ●

By Robert J. Ruiz

Omaha, Nebr. — Boxing has been developing into a major attraction here in the last few months with crowds approaching and bettering the 4,000 mark. Local middleweight Art Hernandez, 159, upset Jimmy Lester, 158, San Francisco.

Lester, a hellion with 30 KO's in 39 wins, carried the fight right to Art in a slam-bang 10 rounds. The action was so intense that the battlers had to be pried apart by the referee after the bell had rung on two occassions. Hernandez was awarded a close but unanimous decision.

The semi-final brought in unbeaten Woody Parks from Beaumont, Texas to test Council Bluffs, Iowa, heavy Ron Stander. Parks, at a solid 220, had five wins and one draw going for him while boasting he had never been down. Stander, 216, put his man away in 1:44 of the first, dropping Parks twice.

► A recent card brought back two local favorites for repeat performances. Hernandez won easily over Oklahoma's Larry Brasier, the Sooner State champ, in a middleweight 10-rounder. Brasier entered with a 25-5-0 record but dropped a unanimous verdict.

The big one in everybody's mind was the eight round semi-final pairing Stander against Ohio's dreaded "Black Destroyer," Ernie Shaver, 206. Shaver with a 13-1 record and as many KO's, tried to finish Ron early. After the first two rounds, Stander had been cut over the right eye and was bleeding from the nose. But pressure to the body finally took its toll when Shaver collapsed and was counted out after 21 seconds of the fifth. Stander is now 10-0 with eight KO's, as compared with Hernandez' 39-12-2.

► **Omaha, Nebr.**—Unbeaten Ron Stander 216, Council Bluffs, was forced to the eight round limit for the first time in his eleven bout career by cagey Eddie Dembry 194, Chicago, before a crowd of 3,591.

The import surprised all with his ability, including the local press. Angered by not being able to put Dembry away, Stander threw the rule book away in a violent effort. But he never came close.

Ronnie continued to open up in furious spurts as the fight wore on but always there was that Dembry left in his face. The decision was unanimous in Stander's favor with the referee's card 79-78, and the judges voting 79-77 and 79-76. The verdict was greeted with a scattering of boos.

The semi-final was worthy of main even status. Rom Marsh, 182, Kans. City, was not allowed to continue after the third round against Vic Brown, 196, Buffalo, N.Y., Marsh's old problem, cut eyes, this time over his right eye lid, had him gory by the close of round three.

The most exciting bout of the under card was the middleweight scrap between Ray Wood, Kansas City and Frank Formaro, Des Moines in a four rounder. Wood won. Also of special interest was the professional debut of 19 year old Dale Hernandez, Omaha, he stopped Tex Chrapko, Minn., in three.

HART BOMBS SANDERS AS ● PROS RETURN TO DELAWARE ●

By Jim McCloy

Wilmington, Del.—Professional boxing returned to Wilmington, after a long absence when Eugene "Cyclone" Hart, Philadelphia, scored his 10th knockout in as many fights. He stopped Philadelphian John Sanders. The undefeated middleweight's left hooks were too much for Sanders, and the referee ended it at 58 seconds of the fourth round. The loser's left eye was almost closed.

An amateur card filled out the show. Big Paul Talabisco, Tlsmere, Del., climbed off the floor to KO Nick Rodriguez, Wilmington, in one, heavyweights; Dennis Shaw, Chester, Pa., decisioned Gypsie Brown, Wilmington, heavyweights; Tyrone Andrews, Philadelphia, defeated Larry Foreman, Philadelphia, flyweights; Robert Grewey, Philadelphia, TKO'd Jeffrey Hall, Philadelphia, in one, welterweights; Johnny Davenport, Philadelphia, outslugged Eddie Jones, Chester; Jimmy Hanion, Lynwood, Pa., defeated John Sweeten, Newark, Del.; William Watson, Philadelphia, decisioned Ronald Payne, Philadelphia, middleweights.

BACKUS AND CARROLL WIN ● 10 SPOTS AT SYRACUSE ●

By Vince Jim Leo

Syracuse, N.Y.—Two 10-rounders topped an exciting card at the War Memorial. Welterweight Billy Backus and light heavy Hal Carroll recorded unanimous wins.

Backus, 145¾, Canastota, outpunched Frankie Steele, 150, Flint, Mich. Backus was the aggressor throughout. Near the end of the fifth round Steele was in trouble as Backus poured out jolting left hooks, but Frankie refused to go down and came back swinging.

Backus had Steele in danger again in round 10, but Billy could not get in the big one. Referee Phillips called it 6-4, judge DiSalvo had it 5-3-2, and judge Palmer 5-4-1.

Carroll, 177½, Syracuse, had it all his own way against Lou Hicks, 185, Brooklyn. Carroll, moving in on his rangy opponent, connected with good left hooks to the head and body. A straight right shook Hicks in round eight. Lou recovered fast and got in a few left hooks of his own.

Carroll was seen as an 8-1-1 winner on the cards of referee Phillips and judge DiSalvo, and 7-2-1 by judge Palmer.

Eddie Beauford, 143, Syracuse, National G.G. 1969 junior welter king, made his pro debut against Bobby Hughes, 140½, New York, in a six-round draw.

Al "Cassius" Hughes, 140½, New York, was the winner over Bobby Horton, 146½, Syracuse, in a bruising six.

Sebby Abbate, 147½, Watertown, decisioned Herb Walker, 147, Syracuse, in four.

► Announcer Dick Tobin has been the "Voice" for nearly 20 years at local boxing shows. Dick engaged in about 50 pro fights in and around Pottsville, Pa.

► Former boxer Anthony Tango Tucci passed away recently at the age of 76. "Tango" fought professionally as a bantamweight.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Mike Quarry's Victory Over Avoth Another Step Upward

By DON FRASER

Hedgemon Lewis (right), who stopped Ricky Ortiz in four rounds recently, puts on the gloves with comedian Bill Cosby, one of his backers.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Jerry Quarry's younger brother Mike, fighting at Woodland Hills, moved into the light heavyweight picture with a convincing 10-round victory over British cruiserweight titleholder Eddie Avoth.

Though he couldn't floor his more experienced rival, Mike was the aggressor all the way. Avoth, who later complained of a shoulder injury, was effective with a left jab, mostly in the middle rounds.

Quarry, who fights out of Fullerton, weighed 171. Avoth, from Wales, weighed 174½. The crowd was under a thousand and the gate $5,000.

► Orlando De la Fuente, who once eyed a movie career after appearing in "Kid Galahad" with Elvis Presley, continued his successful comeback, at the expense of Rocky Hernandez at the Olympic Auditorium.

De la Fuente, 161½, East Los Angeles, was an impressive winner because he avoided the wild swings of Hernandez, 162½, San Francisco. The handsome former actor was in charge in the early and late rounds to take a unanimous 10 round decision.

Referee Larry Rozadilla saw it, 6-4; judges George Latka, 5-3 and Abe Cohen, 6-2. There were no knockdowns and it was the fifth straight for the 25-year-old.

Umberto Reyes, 130½, Los Angeles, decisioned Beto Lara, 130, Mexico, six; Rudy Robles, 156, East Los Angeles, stopped Bob Villanueva, 157, Los Angeles, in the first round.

► Jose Luis Martinez, 127, Mexico City, closed with a rush to grab a unanimous 10-round decision over Rudolph Lobato, 126½, Juarez, Mexico, at the Olympic.

It was only the second loss in 17 starts for the favored Lobato. There were no knockdowns, but it was a fast paced scrap all the way.

Referee Lee Grossman scored it 5-3 for Martinez, while judges Bob Dossey and Rudy Jordan agreed with 5-4 scorecards.

Buddy Boggs, 161, Los Angeles, outpointed Mario Marquez, 158, Mexico, six; Mamoru Minani, 122½, Tokyo, outpointed Butch Contreras, 122½, East Los Angeles, five; Rudy Robles, 155½, Torrance, decisioned Lee Flowers, 159, Long Beach, in four rounds.

► When he is "right," Lenny Brice is one of the best bantamweights around. However, Lenny 119½, Los Angeles, didn't enjoy one of his better nights and had to scramble for a split 10 round verdict over Domi Manalang, 120, Honolulu, at the Olympic.

The eighth round, when Brice staggered the Filipino with a smashing right hand, was the difference in the bout. Lenny, who hadn't had a fight in several months, tired in the last two rounds and almost blew the decision.

Referee Larry Rozadilla, 6-3, and judge Bobby Rings, 5-2, were for Brice. Judge John Thomas tabbed it all even at 4-4.

Rod Ceniceros, 127½, East Los Angeles, decisioned Beto Lara, 126½, Mexico, six; Jose Mendoza, 119, North Hollywood, outpointed Frankie Santillan, 120, Los Angeles, five; Jose Valencia, 149, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Armenta, 145, Mexico, in five rounds.

► **Woodland Hills**—Detroit's Hedgemon Lewis, 146, who considers himself a boxer, had to turn slugger to get rid of Ricky Ortiz, 147, New York, in the feature bout at the Valley Music Theater.

Ortiz, who has beaten Pete Toro and held Billy Backus to a draw, offered little opposition for Lewis. In fact, a member of the California Athletic Commission had to advise Ortiz after the second round to start fighting, or he wouldn't get paid.

At 2:06 of the third, after he had scored the fourth knockdown, Lewis was awarded the contest by referee Bobby Rings.

This was the first promotion at the Theater in the Round in more than six months. Laurie Lewis was the promoter and Mickey Davies the matchmaker. The turnout was 2200 and the gate $9160.

Irish Larry Harding, 143½, Downey, stopped Enrique Olea, 144, Los Angeles, seven; Ruben Coria, 133 San Diego, KO over Al Rodriguez, 132½, Los Angeles, two; Baby Corona, 121, East Los Angeles, and Lorenzo Ramirez, 121, Tijuana, drew in four rounds.

► **San Diego**—Local favorite Eddie Mazon, 137¼, held off Jesus Monreal, 139, Tijuana, in the late rounds to earn the decision in their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

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CHASE PULLS OUT OF TITLE FIGHT WITH CHUVALO

By Frank Allnut

Toronto—With a week to go before his Canadian heavyweight title defense, champion George Chuvalo received the news that a fight scheduled for Edmonton had been cancelled due to the fact that his opponent, Charlie Chase, Montreal, had suffered a cut eye in training.

The reports did not carry any details of which eye it was or how serious it was. Chase did not ask for a postponement. He cancelled the whole thing out leaving the promoters out of pocket to the tune of $5,000. The Montreal heavyweight, who is now close to the 40 mark, may have lost his one chance at the Canadian heavyweight title and any future big money purses.

Chuvalo now finds himself a champion with no challenger, even Commonwealth heavyweight champion, Henry Cooper wants no part of rough, tough Chuvalo. It is now 11 years since a Commonwealth fighter has been given a crack at the heavyweight title which Cooper inherited when the BBBC took the title from Joe Bygraves, Jamaica, for reasons known only to themselves. Bygraves flattened Cooper in nine to win the title. Anytime, anyplace, Cooper wants to risk his Commonwealth title, Chuvalo will be happy to accommodate him.

► **Cleveland**—Paul Nilsen, Toronto, 198, dropped an eight-round split decision to Harold Carter, former 189 pound U.S. National Golden Gloves champion. It was a crowd pleasing fight with no knockdowns. A return match is in the making.

► **Windsor**—A good crowd was on hand at the Windsor Arena to take in the five bout pro card. In a middleweight match over eight rounds which headlined the card, Gary Broughton, Brantford, had to fight all the way to win a close split decision over Primus Williams, Cincinnati. In three six-round bouts, Gary Summerhays, Brantford, gained an unpopular split decision over Jim Davis, Detroit, welterweight. Larry Charleston, Detroit, KO'd Al Hughley, Buffalo, in the second, heavyweights. Aldo Carelli, Toronto, scored an easy two round KO over Jim Darby, Indianapolis, at the light heavy limit. Over four rounds, Johnny Summerhays, Brantford, pounded out a unanimous decision over Bobby Parnell, Ohio, lightweights.

► **Toronto**—At the York Centre Ballroom, a four-bout pro card and three amateur bouts provided the fans with a good night of boxing. All bouts went the distance. Results of pro bouts were as follows; Over eight rounds, main event, Aldo Carelli, Toronto, 171, gained the decision over Ellis Poole, Buffalo, 162½. As in their first fight in which Poole won the decision, he was the better puncher and boxer. However, in the return, he did not control the fight and Carelli, who did all the forcing, and was at times rocked with some well timed and placed punches, caught the eyes of the officials. Heavyweights over six rounds saw Bob Bozic, Toronto, 195, gain a very unpopular decision over Walt Dolder, Ohio, 177. Bozic, with weight, height, reach and youth, failed to put any of it to good use. Being extended for the first time, the young Toronto heavyweight was far from impressive. Julio Mandell dropped his opponent twice during the fight. Over four rounds, in which both boys fought with lots of action, Terry Summerhays, Brantford, 150, won a unanimous tdecision over Johnny Vatalaro, Toronto, 158. This was Vatalaro's initial pro fight, his style and action was pleasing to the fans.

Former N.B.A. World bantamweight champion Georgie Pace, Cleveland, who was present at the show, received a big hand from the fans when introduced from the ring. Pace fought more than 20 times in Toronto during his career and was a favorite with the Toronto fight crowd.

PELLEGRINI'S COMEBACK NO GO AGAINST WILL WARREN

By Ron Virgets

New Orleans, La.—The oft-launched comeback of welterweight Jerry Pellegrini failed to ignite at ground level. Stubby left-hooking Willie Warren, Dallas, spoiled Jerry's entry into the middleweight ranks by hammering out a unanimous win in the 10-round feature at Municipal Auditorium.

Pellegrini had been out of the ring wars for six months and showed it. His jab lacked authority, he was unable to put together effective combinations, and when he threw his right, the shorter Warren repeatedly beat him to the punch with leaping left hooks.

Jerry seemed unable to get much punching leverage against his crowding opponent. Time and again, the Texan muscled Jerry backwards, from which point he was unable to launch much of an attack.

Pellegrini was at his heaviest at 158¾, but the added weight didn't add strength, as he tired in the late rounds. He did, however, land the fight's best punch in the last frame when he crunched home a right hand that separated Warren from his mouthpiece. Unfortunately for the local, the big blow came with only eight seconds to go in the bout.

Both fighters were cut. Pellegrini suffered a gash on the bridge of his nose in the second and a cut over his right eye. Warren suffered a slashed right eye in the seventh. There was no knockdowns. Warren weighed 159.

The verdict revealed a comfortable margin for the invader. Referee Pete Giarusso called it 5-3-2. Ernie Cojoe had it 6-3-1 and Max Docusen 6-4.

Jerry proved he is still a winner at the box office as 3,844 fans paid a gross of $12,576 to view the Lou Messina promotion.

In the co-feature, New Orleans' Alvin Phillips, 159, got back on the winning track by stopping veteran Ernie Burford, 160, Memphis, in the ninth. The win snapped a three-bout tailspin for the local middleweight.

Recent losses made Phillips cautious in the early fighting. Alvin got going in the seventh and dropped the tiring Burford three times with rights to the head.

Phillips continued pounding his foe in the eighth, and Burford's corner refused to allow their man to answer the bell for the ninth. Burford said he had hurt his shoulder.

In the night's opening go, Mobile welter Jack Tillman, 147, went ten rounds for the first time in his career and seemed to like the distance, as he banged out a near shutout over journeyman Jose Gabino, Port Arthur, 147.

Tillman started fast and scored well with a left hook off the jab, and with straight rights. Stalking Gabino never was able to land a solid blow on the quick-footed Alabamian, but refused to wilt.

Tillman slackened the pace in the later rounds, intent on going the route. Post-fight examination revealed that Jack had injured both hands which explained failures to follow up several good openings.

Tillman was awarded an 8-1-1 edge by judge Herman Dutreix, while Ernie Cojoe and Pete Giarusso thought he won every round.

Jack remained unbeaten in New Orleans rings while upping his lifetime mark to 23-1.

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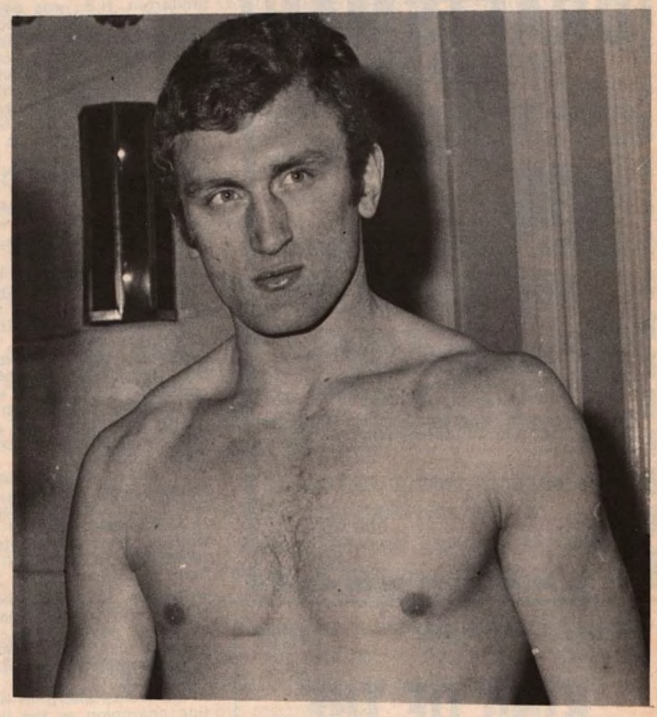

JOE BUGNER

By JOHNNY SHARPE

London, England—Joe Bugner, whom many experts here see as the future heavyweight champion of the British Empire, is headed for New York. He is not going there for a fight. He plans to see things, pick up as much knowhow as he can, and come back to London a wiser and more formidable fighter.

Bugner is being primed to fight, and succeed, Henry Cooper. But the backers of the Hungarian admit that he is at least a year away from a contest with Cooper. The question, of course, is this: Will Henry still be around fighting when Joe is ready for serious combat with him?

Manager Andy Smith and matchmaker Mickey Duff will accompany Bugner to New York. As this is circulated they may even be around Madison Square Garden.

The Bugner interest plans to have Joe spar with top class material.

"When this scheme first was planned 18 months ago we figured he would visit American gymnasiums and merely look on. Recently the scheme developed into something much bigger," Smith revealed.

"Bugner wants to spar with Cassius Clay, Sonny Liston, Floyd Patterson and Joe Frazier.

"Joe will fight an import from New York in the Fall. In the meantime, he faces a turning point in that, hitherto an eight-round fighter, he has got to shift to the 15-round distance.

"Bugner is only 20 years of age and went pro after a mere 14 amateur matches.

"Bugner has got to learn to take bad reactions among the spectators. They figured he would stop both Ray Patterson and Manuel Ramos. They booed, and Joe took it badly. Henry Cooper has been booed after fights, and he knew how to take it. Joe has got to master that ability.

"I am in no rush with Bugner. He is being educated for the Empire championship. But I am not going to ask him to fight Cooper until I am satisfied that the boy has a good chance to win. The money doesn't figure now."

After a trial of only two years, the British Board of Boxing Control has abandoned the two junior championships,

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5. Roger Tighe (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (J)
7. Joe Bugner (E)
8. Don McAlinden (I)
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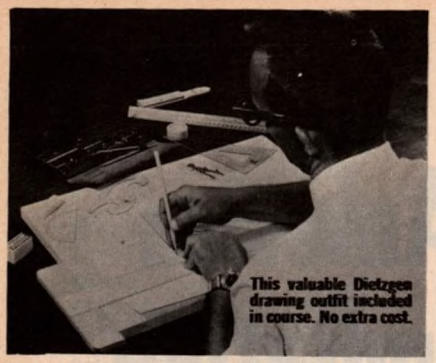

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HAFEY DECISIONS DURELLE IN ● MARITIME 10 ROUNDER ●

By Fred Bishop

Saint John, N.B.—Lawrence Hafey, 138, Stellarton, N.S. contender for Al Ford's Canadian title, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Fernand Durelle, 136, Bais Ste. Annes, N.B. Hafey had too much knowhow for Durelle to cope with in a free-punching brawl. Two knockdowns, in the third and fifth were scored by Hafey

In the semi-final, Peter Porter, 165, classy Woodstock, N.B. middleweight, stopped Jay Mooney, 167, Minto, N.B., in 1:20. For Peter, it was win number 7—6 by Kayo's.

► **New Glasgow, N.S.** — Lawrence Hafey, 137, Stellarton, N.S., was awarded a sixth round TKO over veteran Dick French, 148, Providence, R.I., referee Gary Simon stopped the fight at the end of the fifth due to a cut inside French's mouth. Hafey was ahead throughout. He employed a stiff left and crossed with right smashes to keep French on unsteady legs from the second on. For Hafey it was 17 wins in 23 tries.

In a semi-final, Don Boulter, 141, Charlottetown, P.E.I., was all over Aubrey "Workout" Brown, 142, Preston, N.S., and stopped him at the end of the second.

In a four surprise, Mickey McEachern, 157, a slashing youngster from Dinwall, C.B., was held to a wild draw by Joe Bordon, 154, New Glasgow.

Butch Lavers, 136, Windsor, N.S. and Gary Cromwell, 128, New Glasgow, received nothing but cat calls as they were affectionate in the clinches and outside. The bored judges called it a boring draw.

, Windsor, N.S. — Stewart Gray, 158, Windsor, N.S., outpointed Peanuts Arsenault, 152, Summerside, P.E.I., in a wild fight, the first pro card in this Valley town in many a year.

The local boy stood toe to toe with the veteran Arsenault and got a split decision in 10 action rounds.

In the semi-final, hard-rock Dick Gray, 141, Halifax, after taking a bad beating in the first round, came charging back to stop Doug States, 137, Windsor, midway through the second. A wild left hook sent States sprawling through the ropes and he landed on his head on the cement floor.

► **Sydney, N.S.**—Les Gillis, 128, New Waterford, N.S., a standup southpaw boxer with a fast pair of hands pounded out a ten round unanimous decision over Rocky MacDougall, 127, Sydney, N.S., Canadian Featherweight champion before 2,200 fans.

Gillis was sharp in outboxing the harder hitting champion as the two battled each other in every round.

In the semi-final, Lambert McIntosh, 166, Sydney, used solid body blows and a straight right to stop Serge Proulx, 151, Montreal, P.Q., midway through the third round. McIntosh scored his 3rd straight kayo win.

Mike Godin, 150, Montreal, out gunned Joe Laba, 156, Halifax, and stopped him in two. Kevin Gallivan, Sydney, iced Jerry Fitzpatrick, Halifax, in 1:06.

► **Dartmouth, N.S.**—Red Top Owen, 181, Providence, R.I., a substitute for Wendell Newton, beat Mike Bruce, 245, Springfield, Mass. The lighter guy threw enough bombs to buckle the big boy through five rounds before stopping him in the sixth. Bruce was down in the third from a looping left hook. Referee Kevin Hogan stopped the count at nine and dragged Bruce to his feet and made him continue. He was at Owen's mercy with no defense against the smaller man's vicious punching. This card had been disallowed in Halifax by the Commission led by Jerry Spears. It was the debut of Canada's second lady promoter, Mrs. Margaret Jones and was a flop. Of the eight fighters signed to appear only four showed up.

The semi-final of six had two substitutes. Joe Bordon, 140, New Glasgow, fought for the second time in the night and outpointed stablemate Freddy Welsh, 146, Merigomish, N.S., in a waltz, with more smiles exchanged than punches.

Joe Bordon, this time stopped Bobby Beaver, 136, Halifax, in the first. Steve Morton, 160, Windsor, N.S., and Brian Pelrine, 152, Halifax, staged a small war before Morton caught Pelrine with a right smash in the second.

► **New Glasgow, N.S.**—Al Ford, 133, Edmonton, Canadian lightweight champion, scored a 12-round split decision win over his number one contender, Lawrence Hafey, 135, Stellarton, N.S., before a good crowd of 2,800. Ford showed as a cool workman under fire and appeared to have control throughout a fight that lacked knockdowns but not action.

Dennis Cochrane, 150, Antigonish, N.S., was a winner over Joe Bordon, 141, New Glasgow, as he racked up an impressive kayo in the last round of a four rounder.

Barry Sponagle, 129, Stellarton, after being behind for two rounds, came charging back in the last two to take the nod over Gary MacLean, 125, New Glasgow. Wayne Fraser, 124, Pictou, N.S., and Jerry Smith, 129, Yarmouth, N.S., fought four to a draw.

► **Halifax, N.S.**—"The best fight here in the last ten years" was the consensus of opinion of the 2,500 fans who saw the Bill Drover-Sylvester Dullaire war at the local Forum. Drover won. The fight was all action and hard punching. Dullaire, 190, Hartford, Conn., went ahead in the first two rounds as the well conditioned visitor showed a left hand hard to follow. He had Drover's left eye in bad shape as the third round started but the rugged Newfoundlander with the plodding slam bang style came roaring back to carry the third and fourth, connecting mostly with a sneak right lead that caught Dullaire on the way in.

Dullaire out boxed Drover in the fifth and sixth. After an even seventh, Drover took over in the last three rounds and gave Dullaire a thumping. In the 10th he hit him with everything in the book but the visitor was still fighting at the final bell. Drover was awarded a unanimous decision.

The undercard was made up of three four rounders. Levi Brown, 165, Preston, N.S., and rookie Mickey McEachern, 155, Dinwall, fought all the way to a draw. Gary MacLean, 125, New Glasgow, won the first three rounds against Gerry Smith, 129, Yarmouth, N.S., before Smith landed a hard right in the fourth dropping MacLean for an eight count.

MacLean came charging back only to slip as he got tangled up in his own feet and hit the deck again. The referee gave him another eight count. His two trips to the canvas cost MacLean the win.

Gerry Burns, 150, Halifax, making his first pro start, hung a first round kayo on Butch Lavers, 140, Windsor, N.S.

► **Woodstock, N.B.**—Young Peter Porter, 165, the pride of Woodstock, turned in another fine kayo win as he stopped Skip Yeadon, 165, Portland, Me., in the second round. For the 17-year-old Porter it was win no. 8—7 by kayo's.

► **Summerside, P.E.I.** — Peanuts Arsenault, 147, Summerside, wasted little time as he hung a left hook on the jaw of young Joe Bordon, 144, New Glasgow, and Bordon was counted out at 1:01 of the first.

In the semi-final, Don Boutler, 135, Victoria, P.E.I., scored a big win as he stopped Tiger Jackson, 134, New Glasgow, N.S., midway in the sixth round.

► **Windsor, N.S.** — Stewart Gray, 162, Windsor, N.S., had nothing more then a brisk workout as he pounded Gary St. Germain, 160, Toronto, Ont., through 10 rounds, headlining promoter Ralph Spence's second card at the Arena.

The decision for Gray was unanimous with the Ring Card giving Gray nine rounds with one even.

The semi-final of six rounds was all action as Lonnie States, 145, Windsor, outroughed Dick Gray, 145, Halifax, in a swinging affair.

Terry Downey, 155, Halifax, looked like a sure winner against Mickey McEachern, 156, Dinwall, C.B., in an all out war but the judges saw another fight and called Mickey the winner. In the opener Ray Jackson, 164, New Glasgow, hung a second round kayo on Mike Quinn, 165, Halifax, who was making his pro debut.

NEUMANN TAKES STEWART ● TWICE FOR 11 IN ROW ●

By Ronnie "Burns" Bouse

Cliffside Park, N.J.—Unbeaten heavy Randy Neumann, 203, scored his 10th in a row when he outpointed Edmund Stewart, 203, Jamaica, in an eight-rounder. The West Indian, making his second showing in the U.S., showed loads of savvy, but could not cope with the punching of his foe and almost was KOd in the fourth.

Neumann made it 11 straight by beating Stewart again in a four on the Quarry-Scott card in Madison Square Garden.

The semi-final eight saw Eddie Viruet, 131, two times New York Golden Gloves champ, make it nine in a row when he TKOd Paterson's Danny Figueroa, in the seventh.

A six saw Keansburg's Jimmy November, 205, win on points over Bob Castle, 204, Newark, in a bout that was action packed.

Jim Harris, 182, New York, making his pro debut, won a four-round duke over Ronnie Rudetz, 187, Newark. Henry Castro, 161, New York, won the opening four over Jersey City's Freddie Roma, 160.

THAT HEAVYWEIGHT JINX

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to bring him back. The Brockton Blockbuster had everything to live for—a fine family life, plenty of money, an ever growing public appreciation of his fistic power and skills. But the jinx had marked Marciano for its own.

The sad case of Ezzard Charles, who is a wheelchair cripple, hardly equipped for his misfortunes financially, is a black mark on the administrative side of boxing. There is no insurance for a retired fighter.

When illness struck, Charles was totally unprepared at the bank. The Lord would provide. But there Ezz sits in his wheel chair in Chicago, with the jinx mocking his once outstanding position as a fighter, gnawing at his dwindling physical resources.

Twice Charles stood up to Marciano. The first time the Rock had to go the entire 45 minutes to win by decision. The second time Ezz was knocked out in eight rounds of savage struggle. Now Charles dreams about the lush days gone by, and the triumphs that used to be. The jinx is at work.

Even Liston is listed as a victim of the deadly influence which has dominated the lives and careers of so many heavyweights. What with his stay in the Missouri state prison, what with charges of association with known characters of the underworld, what with his inability to get a license in New York, Charley has had his troubles aplenty.

His latest blow from the jinx was his knockout defeat by Leotis Martin last December, which placed the onetime world champion on the inactive list. That was a fight in which the jinx put over a deadly double play. Martin suffered an eye injury and has been forced to retire.

The jinx played one dirty trick after another on giant Primo Carnera. Through his days as a heavyweight title contender, through his tenure of the championship, Da Preem was the sorry victim of a coterie of underworld characters who drained his financial returns.

Eventually, after his knockout defeat by Max Baer, Carnera managed to escape the clutches of the hoods. He became a successful wrestler. But ailments of one sort and another forced his retirement from the ring. He opened a liquor-delicatessen shop in Los Angeles. But the jinx would not let go. It killed him on June 29, 1967.

In succeeding Carnera as the world champion, Baer fell heir to the malign workings of the ill-fated influence lurking behind every champion, every contender. On November 21, 1959, Baer suffered a heart attack in a Hollywood hotel and died, age 49.

Even the happy-go-lucky Jack Johnson, rated by many as the greatest of all the heavyweight champions, succumbed to the whammy.

The life story of the first Negro to win the heavyweight title is familiar to all students of boxing. The jinx hounded him here and he was forced to fight abroad, eventually losing his title to Jess Willard at Havana.

On June 10, 1946, Johnson was killed in an automobile accident near Raleigh, N.C., age 68. He had gone speed crazy.

Paddy Ryan, who lost the American title to John L. Sullivan, never made a decent living in the ring. He died at age 48, absolutely forgotten.

Jake Kilrain, the other contender who was beaten by Sullivan, wound up as a night watchman in a shipyard at Quincy, Mass., lost in an oblivion which was partly of his own choosing. He hated reporters to his dying day.

Behind his ring successes, Sullivan hardly was free of the jinx.

Heavies who were tragic victims of the whammy include Frankie Campbell, who succumbed after his fight with Baer; Alejandro Lavorante, who died a lingering death after his battle with Clay; Ernie Schaaf, who passed away after his 13 round KO by Carnera in 1933; and Freddie Mills, who died from gunshot wounds on July 25, 1965, age 46.

The jinx also pursued Gus Lesnevich, who died on February 28, 1964, and Battling Siki, shot to death by thugs in a midnight brawl in New York on December 15, 1925.

The jinx ultimately got Jack Delaney with a brain tumor, and Jimmy Slattery, and took an eye away from John Henry Lewis.

What is behind the whammy? Is the life of the prominent boxer far more complicated than we know?

It's something open for research.

FAMECHON QUITS BOXING TO ENJOY LIFE, CAR RACING

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hook, allied with speed of foot.

Those tactics won him his titles. His 67 contests include only five losses—all on points.

The retirement of a champion always leaves us with mixed feelings. We are pleased for his sake that he has got out before being hurt. We are pleased for the sake of our memories of and admiration for him that he did not stay around until well past his best, being beaten by opposition that never could attain the greatness of the champion when he was at his peak.

Against this there is nostalgia. We realize with a jolt that we won't see him again, and this leaves a big gap.

Famechon's retirement did not surprise me. I wrote 24 days before that we probably would not see Johnny Famechon in the ring again—but the mixed feelings still struck hard.

The regret is felt more about Johnny than about most champions who retire, because he has hung up his gloves leaving one loose end.

That loose end is Vicente Saldivar. Fans here want to see a return bout between Fammo and Saldivar because they are not convinced that the Mexican is the better ringman.

Sure, Saldivar won that fight in Rome. In my between-rounds summaries for a radio network, I said that Johnny was not doing enough, was not using his right hand and, at the end, before the decision was announced, I stated my scorecard as 71 points to Saldivar, 68 points to Famechon.

Later the scorecards of the officials were announced. Referee Harry Gibbs carded 71-68—identical with mine. One judge also had a three-point margin, the other four.

But Famechon should have won it. He threw it away by not using his right hand and by not doing enough.

Three times in the fight he landed his right to the jaw. Each time Saldivar was knocked back by it. Why, then, didn't Fammo use it more often? If he had, he would have won.

I believe that if there could be a next time Fammo would beat Saldivar.

Fammo, however, has made his decision. Perhaps, in his mind (if he has given the matter any thought at all) it is better to leave the fans wondering and arguing about the outcome of a return with Saldivar, than to have the result listed definitely in the record books.

The grind, the dedication, has been worth it, but now there are no new worlds to conquer—only a repeat of an old world—the featherweight title.

Johnny never had trouble making the featherweight limit. His main weight trouble has been in coming in close to 126 pounds instead of 122.

He is keen to became a car-trial driver and soon will compete in a round-Australia car trial.

Johnny took the Famechon name to a higher plane than did his father, Andre, who reached world ratings as a lightweight, or his uncles Ray and Emile, both of whom were world rated. Ray unsuccessfully contested the world featherweight title against Willie Pep.

Johnny Famechon also made Australia proud—not only for what he did in the ring, but for what he was, and is, out of it.

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SAKURAI GAINS LOPSIDED VERDICT OVER JANGALAY IN 12 ROUNDS

By Joe Y. Koizumi

Tokyo, Japan—Oriental champions recently scored easy victories with their crowns at stake. Takao Sakurai, the bantam ruler, earned a lopsided decision over Alberto Jangalay, Philippines, in 12 sluggish rounds. Another successful defense by Koichi Okada, the junior feather titleholder, saw him whip veteran Yoshiro Nakane in 12 hot sessions.

Lefthander Lion Furuyama kept his leading position in the 140-pound class, as Kazuyoshi Kuboruka, ex-titlist on comeback trail, lasted only two rounds. The winner's solid right did it.

Yoshiaki Numata, holding the WBC's version in the junior lightweight class, engaged in his first bout since his split nod over Rene Barrientos, and gained a decision over Chang-Bok Yi, Korea, in 10.

The foreign result that fans here received gloomily was Ishimatsu Suzuki's 13th-round TKO by Ismael Laguna in Panama. The Nipponese lightweight fought well, but Laguna was too much for him.

► Orient champion Koichi Okada, hitherto regarded as a clever but powerless dancer, displayed a fine attack, scored two knockdowns and earned a unanimous win over Yoshio Nakane in 12 rounds, at Sendai. Okada's aggressiveness made the loser backpedal throughout the contest.

In the first tenner Hideo Kanazawa, the junior middleweight boss of the Orient, scored his sixth straight KO over Turtle Okabe. Three knockdowns carried the six-footer to an automatic victory. Hideo's title was not at stake.

► Rated flyweight Susumu Hanagata, 115, was annoyed by newcomer Fernando Lumacado's scrappy action, but was awarded a TKO in the seventh round. Some 1,500 spectators saw the Filipino cut too profusely, so he received the third man's aid at Korakuen Hall. The loser scaled at 114½. Bantam Shuji Chiyoda outscored Tsugio Mineyama in 10.

► Orient featherweight champion Nobuo Chiba, 130¼, was a unanimous points winner over Jimmy Noel, Filipino boss, at 129½, in 10 monotonous rounds at Korakuen Hall. Utilizing his speed in punching and moving all the way, Chiba was in command in five sessions.

An upset took place in the semi-final eight, as Toshio Kobayashi, 134½, halted veteran Kenshichiro Date, 134¾, in five. The loser decided to hang up his gloves.

► Lefty Shintaro Uchiyama, 118¾, mixed it up effectively and gained a TKO from Snappy Asano, when the latter retired due to a bad cut at the end of the sixth. The JBC physician advised the referee to halt the proceedings.

The semi-final saw unbeaten Shinjin-O Shoryu Watanabe continue his winning streak via a KO over Ken Ohmiya at 50 seconds of the third round. They are junior lightweights. The victim fought under the name of Katsutoshi Aoki II previously. Some 1,500 were at Korakuen Hall.

► Displaying his favorite hit-and-run, Takao Sakurai, the 118-pound leader of the Orient, proved too fast at attack and too elusive at defense for Alberto Jangalay, P.I., in 12 one-sided rounds at Sapporo. The tricky Filipino absorbed much punishment because of the lefty's combinations, but refused to go down. Then a shutout nod went to Sakurai, who tabbed his first defense with his 29th win in 31 outings. It was Alberto's second consecutive loss following his one-round KO by Kazuyoshi Kanazawa in March. In the semi-final Koichi Wajima, national junior middle boss, finished Ken Sato in three.

► Sturdy southpaw Lion Furuyama, 139, stopped Kazuyoshi Kubokura, 140, with a vicious right hook to the button to retain his national junior welter laurels at Korakuen Hall. The kayo came in 2 minutes 42 seconds of the second. In the semi eight-rounder, Arakure Kusanagi, former Shinjin-O winner, decisioned Fumio Funayama. They are welterweights.

► Puncher Hiroshi Shoji, 134, was impressive as he floored Apollo Yoshio three times in succession and registered a quick one-round knockout at Korakuen Hall. Yoshio, 130¾, with eight straight, was unconscious for minutes. Mikio Nakata, flyweight, collected another victim, stopping Hiroshi Sato in two rounds.

► Koji Ikeda, the No. 4 featherweight in the JBC rating, was arrested by Nagano Prefectural Police, because he was one of a group who allegedly obtained money by threats. The JBC announced Ikeda would be suspended for life, if proved guilty.

► The final of the 24th University League tournament (Kinki District), took place at Osaka. Kinki University retained the championship for the ninth year by defeating Kansai University, 9-0. The best fighter award went to lefty Akitsugu Tsujimoto, who is the brother of professional lightweight Hidemori.

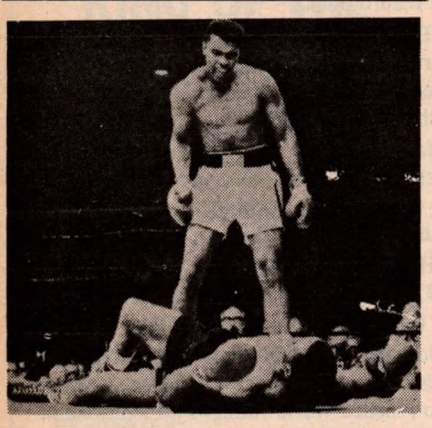
► Ushiwakamaru Harada's windmill attack overwhelmed Soo-Whang Kyo, import from Korea, to pound out a shutout win in 10. The mixers tipped the beam at 119½ each. 2,000 packed Ohita Prefectural Gymnasium. Toru Takahara won from Noriaki Nakana in a flyweight eight.

► Undefeated Cassius (Jun-ichi) Naito, 160½, copped a one-sided duke from Manfredo Alipala, a slow Filipino, at 162, in 10 rounds at Nagoya. In spite of winning all rounds but the first, Naito was far from impressive. Naito's hand fracture as well as exhaustion accounted for his poor performance.

The preliminary eight-rounders both went to a draw. Eagle Sato was held to an upset stalemate by a local favorite named Kiyomi Ogawa. They are 147-pounders. Tiger Kakinuma drew with Tadanori Ohnishi in a bantam eight.

► At Tomakomai, Yoshiaki Numata, 133½, the new WBC champ, had Chang-Bok Yi, 131¾ pounds, close to a kayo. He dropped him in the ninth and pounded out a decision in 10. Numatas' stinging lefts were too sharp for the Korean old-timer. In round nine the speedster threw a well-timed uppercut which had Yi on the canvas for the mandatory eight.

► On the same night at Fukuyama, George Carter, 159¾, had little difficulty in demolishing Saburo Saito, 159½, in seven rounds. Carter, who had been dethroned by Koichi Wajima by a disputed verdict, outjabbed and outclassed the awkward guy. The semi saw Hidenori Fukuchi, bantam Shinjin-o of this year, surprisingly held to an eight-round draw by Shin-ichi Nishimoto.



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FLORES SCORES EARLY TKO OVER JAPAN'S MIZOGUCHI

By Gib Clark

Tucson, Ariz.—Muneo Mizoguchi, Tokyo, now fighting out of Los Angeles, with Oriental courtesy bowed to "The Tucson Terror," Paco Flores, via TKO in 1:28 of round two at Sports Center.

The victory was Flores' sixth straight with no defeats. Paco returned to the ring after a two-month layoff with an injured hand, which has mended. Paco punched Muneo to his knees seconds before the referee intervened.

Mizoguchi brought a 25-5 record with him. The loss was only his sixth in 31 bouts.

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COILEY AND COVINO STILL ● STARRING IN NEW ENGLAND ●

By Don Hamill

Portland, Me.—Recent fights saw a number of New England stars lose some of their shine while others continued on the upward climb. Still undefeated, exceptional prospects, are Johnny Coiley and Bob Covino, both of Somerville, Mass.

► Eddie Spence, 172, Pittsfield, holder of the New England light heavyweight title, added the heavyweight diadem when he stopped Paul Raymond, 200, Somerville, in the fourth round. Raymond took control at the start and was ahead on the scorecards when the bout was stopped.

Paul came out of a clinch in the first round suffering from a nasty cut near the top of his head. Spence scored a series of solid right uppercuts in the second round but Raymond took over again in the third.

Another cut on the top of Paul's head had both fighters and the referee gory. Johnny Dunn advised the officials that Paul was through for the night.

Leo DiFiore, 127, Portland, caught a Tartar in Jose Rodriguez, 123, Westfield, who was making his second pro start. He had to come off the floor in the first round but gradually took over. He hurt Rodriguez with body punches as the Puerto Rican was tiring in the sixth round.

Rodriguez turned and walked to his corner but DiFiore reached around and tossed a hard left hook. Confusion reigned for a few moments bebore the bout was stopped giving DiFiore a kayo win.

Fred Duquette, 147, Brockton, stopped Ricky Burgess, 145, Waterville, when the latter was unable to come out for round three after being dropped late in the second round.

► **Portland**—Irish Beau Jaynes, 134½, Lowell, had come from behind to eke out a close 10-round decision over Adolfus "Doc" McClendon, 133½ Paterson, N.J. McClendon got off to a good lead but tired in the second half of the fight. In the final round MsClendon was staggered twice. He was out on his feet at the final bell.

Leo DiFiore, 130, Portland, racked up another kayo win by stopping Mike Madore, 128, Quebec, in the sixth round. Madore, a fine looking prospect who had boxed in Portland as an amateur as Mike La Chance, readily mixed it with the more experienced Di Fiore. Madore had the better of some of the exchanges.

In the sixth round Madore was hurt from a right to the jaw followed by a left hook. He tried to fight back and threw a right to the head. He then held his hand in pain. Examination revealed that he had broken two knuckles.

In a good six round bout, Reynald Cantin, 147, Montreal, upset Fred Duquette, 148, Brockton, scoring a knockdown in the fifth round. Duquette tired badly. Ricky Raimondi, 157, Providence, stopped Richie Gonzalez, 160, Paterson, N.J., in the second round. Pedro Pagan, 139, Paterson, took a four round decision over Eddie Wilson, 146, Montreal.

► **Boston**—Bobby Covino, 169, Somerville, continued on his unbeaten way by disposing of Joe Jones, 170, Philadelphia, in the first round at the Arena. Jones was dropped twice from overhand rights to the jaw. He went down from a left that was a push-punch

In the eight round co-feature, Johnny Coiley, 158, Somerville, gave Rocky Halliday, 163, Wilkes-Barre, a boxing lesson and a beating.

Bruno Scholz, 170, Bridgewater, and Manny Freitas, 166, Lowell, teed off on each other in a six round slugfest that ended all even. Freitas went down in the third round but Scholz was on rubber legs thru most of the bout.

Ivelaw Eastman, 144, Brooklyn, and Kevin McGrath, 143, Worcester, fought a draw in their six rounder. McGrath finished stronger and had a slight edge. Artie Young, 159, Dorchester, stopped Henry Castro, 161, Barrington, R.I., in the fifth round. They battled on even terms for three rounds, then Castro tired.

► **Portland**—Leo DiFiore, 130, Portland, continued to show improvement as he added Jo Jo Jackson, 127, New Glasgow, N.S., to his list of kayo victims. The Canadian was counted out in the third round. Jackson had a slim margin in the first round but was slowed in the second by left hooks to the body before a right to the jaw dropped him. Jackson boarded his bicycle in the third round until another left hook to the body stretched him for the count.

Kennedy Clark, 136, Portland, and Ivelaw Eastman, 137, New York, staged an uninteresting draw in the eight round semi-final. There was only one bit of action. Near the end of the first session Eastman caught Kennedy with a right counter. Both fighters tried after that but their styles prevented the contest from becoming interesting.

Tom Dragon, 164, Esmond, R.I., won his second pro start by stopping Skip Yeaton, 160, Belfast, in the third round. Yeaton was spilled in the second from body blows, and dropped for the full count in the third.

► **Portland**—Pete Riccitelli, 175, Portland, returned from the West Coast and again captured the hearts of Portland fans by taking the New England light heavyweight title from Eddie Spence, 170, Pittsfield, Mass. Riccitelli paced himself well as he outpunched the Berkshire fighter, who put on a listless showing. There were no knockdowns. The best punch of the fight was a left hook by Riccitelli in the second round. It stopped Spence in his tracks.

The semi-final turned out to be one of the most spectacular bouts yet held here. Paul Cardoza, 175, New Bedford, had to come from way behind to score a knockout over previously undefeated Roosevelt Brown, 172, Boston, in the eighth round.

Cardoza was cut over the left eye in the fifth and was nearly beaten into submission by the eighth round. Cardoza fired a solid left hook as Brown came in. Realizing that he had hurt his man Paul moved in an scored a knockdown. Brown arose and a solid right dropped him again.

Ruben Figueroa, 163, New York, stopped ill-conditioned Spider Freeman, 160, Roxbury, in the third round.

► **North Adams**—Al Romano, 144, North Adams, took an unpopular decision over Roy "Buttercup" Williams, 144, Allentown, Pa., after twelve rounds. Al had beaten Williams three times before and each of them were close. Romano was the aggressor while the heavy hooking Williams was content to counter. Williams was always dangerous and had the better of some of the exchanges.

The bout was a see-saw affair with first one and then the other taking control. Williams stepped up the pace in the ninth round and kept it up to the final bell. Romano was unable to stem the attack and both tired badly in the stretch. The decision was booed.

Terry Rondeau, 126, Pittsfield, met Angel Vasquez, 126, West Springfield, as a last minute substitute and stopped his man in the third round. It was Vasquez' second pro fight. He was game but did not know how to pace himself and soon tired so badly that he was unable to defend himself.

► **Portland**—Eddie (Red Top) Owens, 172, Holyoke, dropped an unpopular decision after ten round with Dick Hall, 184, Boston. Owens, anxious to erase a kayo defeat suffered at the hands of Hall several years ago, was the aggressor. Hall, unable to stop the attack, switched to a southpaw stance in the fifth round.

Benny Huertas, 138, New York, handed Irish Beau Jaynes, 135, Lowell, a beating. The latter was unable to answer the bell for the 10th and final round. After four fairly even rounds, Huertas hurt Jaynes with a left hook to the body. From then on Huertas had control. In the ninth round he sent Jaynes crashing to the canvas where he was when the bell ended the toll at six.

Leo Di Fiore, 130, Portland, racked up his seventh straight kayo win by stopping Manuel Rios,, 135, New York, in the fifth round. The bout was stopped when Rios was being punched at will.

LEE GETS UNANIMOUS NOD OVER SAUERNNAN ● IN BALTIMORE ●

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Baltimore, Md.—Eli Hanover presented three 10-round bouts at Civic Center, with 1,800 fans treated to lusty walloping. In the featured 10-rounder, Washington's Bobby Lee, 136, got all the fight he could handle in garnering a unanimous decision over Mario Sauernnan, 135¼, Philadelphia.

Adrian Davis, 142½, KO'd Johnny Gant, 146½, in the second round. Davis scored three knockdowns in the round that brought the bout to a halt under the Maryland rules. Davis, a vastly improved clouter looked impressive. Both lads hail from Washington.

Josh Hall, 165, Baltimore, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Domingo Ortiz, 163, Hoboken, N.J., Hall scored knockdowns in the fifth and eighth rounds that made the difference as the aggressive invader kept bouncing high hard right handers on Hall's noggin.

In a six round draw, Matt Robinson, 228½, Washington, and George Hill, 206¼, Philadelphia, treated the fans to a war.

Alvin Anderson, 149¼, Baltimore, TKO'd Carlos Byrd, 157¼, Washington, in the third round. Anderson scored a knockdown in the second round. Byrd's handlers wouldn't allow him to continue after the bell rang for the third round.

JANGALAY OVER RICE FOR ● FILIPINO BANTAM CROWN ●

By Roberto Gomez

Manila, P.I.—Standing out in a big collection of recent fight results here is the victory of Alberto Jangalay, 118, over Tom Rice, 117¾, in a 12-round battle for the bantam championship of the Philippines. The decision was unanimous.

Other results—Jaime Santiago, 119, beat Manuel Verzosa, split decision in a 10 rounder. Rene Santiago, 111, won over Flash Garonimo, 111, unanimously, in a 10-round bout. Peter Noble, 106. won over Boy Winter, 108¾, unanimous decision, in a 10-rounder. Dommy Custado, 127½, beat Sid Gallias, 130¼, unanimously.

Ernie Jayme, 111, stopped Carlos Rebancos, 111, by TKO in eight. Peter Noble, 106, beat El Solante, 110, TKO in eight. Numer Midello, 120, won over Willy Asuncion, 120, by majority decision in a 10-rounder.

Al Castillo, 127, won over Tirso Bere, 126, by split decision in a 10. Jaime Alampay, 132, beat Flash Bere, 131, unanimous decision in 10.. Kid Saldivar, 112½, won over Pete Aquino, Jr. 111½, split decision in 10. Dommy Froilan, 132 beat Bonnie Norcos, 134, TKO, eight. Alfredo Avila, 123, beat Ben Villamor, 123, unanimous decision, in 10. Johnny Eagle, 121, won over Ric Villagano, 121, unanimously in 10.

Romeo Enecio, 110, won over Johnny Vestil, 111, unanimous decision in 10. Johnny Jamito, 125½, beat Ernie Pacua, 126½, unanimous decision, 10. Kid Durante, 119, won over Tony Amor, 119, in 10. Tiny Palacio, 130, stopped Nido Basa, 129, TKO in seven.

Peter Noble, 108, won over Rene Santiago, 111, unanimously in 10. Manuel Tijares, 118, beat Pedro Martinez, 118½, 10 rounds.

Joe Saluma, 126, won over Fil del Mundo, 126, KO in the last round of a 10er. Moises Cantoja, 134½, stopped Rocky Argamacilla, 135, TKO, six. Roldan Jumuad, 132, won over Hernani Apatan, 134½, disqualification in six. Tanny Amancio, 124, beat Ricky Gayuna, 124½, TKO in eight.

HENRIQUE, OLIVEIRA SCORE IN ● FEATURES IN BRAZIL ●

By Bo Zaine

Sao Paulo, Brazil—Alipio Colli became the new Brazilian middleweight champion when he outpointed Manoel Severino. Feathers Joao Souto and Luis Correa went six rounds to a draw. Flyweight Eliezer dos Santos, decisioned José Souza in six rounds.

► Also at Sao Paulo, Nelson Gomes made a punching bag of Alvacir Doria in a welterweight contest over 10 rounds. Junior welter Iedo Pacheco kayoed Miguel Leite in the fourth round. Francisco de Castro outpointed Joao Evangelista in a lightweight six.

► Again at Sao Paulo, Enilson Gomes stopped Joel Correia in the 10th round of their bantamweight bout. Middleweight Nestor Pires decisioned Sebastiao Souza in four rounds. Heavyweight Teotonio Silva halted Francisco Dias in the fifth round.

► Sao Paulo saw Luis Fabri, middleweight prospect, stop Elcio Neves in the sixth round. Junior welter Jovino Rodriguez outpointed Gerson Honorato five rounds. Severino Souza KO'd Ezau Teixeira in the first round of their flyweight go.

► Sao Paulo also saw junior welterweight Joao Henrique have an easy task in stopping Italian Serafino Lucherini in the ninth round. It was a good fight, dominated by left jabs of Henrique. Iedo Pacheco halted Joao Aziago in the seventh round of their lightweight bout. Pompilio Genico outpointed José Evangelista in a dull sixer.

► At Santo André, Servilio de Oliveira, Brazilian flyweight champion, narrowly outpointed Osvaldo Maldonado, Argentina, in an elimination contest for the South American flyweight title. De Oliveira was the master for the first eight rounds, but ran out of gas.

EX-BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMP MANUEL ORTIZ DIES AT 54

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contest.

In 1945, Ortiz became involved in World War II and joined the army. His title was "frozen" for the duration but he did fight several contests during his service, all non-title.

Out of the army in 1946, he placed his title on the line three times, halting each of his opponents. His victims were Luis Castillo, Kenny Lindsay and Jackie Jurich.

Among boxing buffs Ortiz had now attained the status of an invincible. Few gave Harold Dade, a 12-to-1 underdog, a chance to take the bantamweight title when the bout was announced.

Fans were stunned when Dade took a unanimous decision over 15 rounds and the title. It ended the longest reign of any bantamweight champion, four years and five months.

Two months later, Ortiz answered the question as to how far over the hill he was by regaining his bantamweight title from Dade, via a 15-round decision. The fight grossed $48,017, at that time setting a new Southern California indoor record.

From 1947 until May 31, 1950, Ortiz defended his title for the first time in foreign lands. He took on featherweights and even lightweights and he bombed his way through the four corners of the globe. He lost a few bouts but never the big ones. He always won the title fights.

It wasn't until his May 31, 1950 title fight with Vic Toweel that Ortiz's crown was in danger. Few felt that Ortiz was ready to be taken. One of the few who read the tea leaves correctly was Nat Fleischer, who predicted that although Toweel was inexperienced, his stamina and ruggedness would prevail. Ortiz had slipped and would forfeit his title, Fleischer predicted.

Events proved Fleischer correct. Toweel won a 15-round decision at Johannesburg and the bantamweight title.

Ortiz never regained his throne. He went on to fight with brief layoffs in 1952 and 1954 until 1955, when he fought his last battle against Enrique Esqueda, a ten-round losing effort.

His ring career comprised 122 fights, with 92 wins and 27 losses. He had three draws and kayoed 45 opponents. He was knocked out only once, by Manny Ortega.

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BOXING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

By Eduardo Amer G.

Mexico, D.F.: Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 117, technically stopped Ubaldo Duarte, 113, of Argentina, in the seventh round. Pedro Dominguez, 125, TKO's Hipolito Hernandez, 126, in eight. Juan Rodriguez, 117, demolished Rodolfo Aguilar, 117, in one. Ruben Soria, 111, lost by a TKO to Alfredo Diaz, 112, in six.

► **Tijuana, Baja California:** Alejandro "Cordobes" Lopez, 117, TKOd "Lumumba" Estaba, 117, of Venezuela, in six. Joe Valdes, 124, won a technical decision from Delfino Camacho, 125, in eight. Jose Luis Martin del Campo, 124, whipped Martin Higuera, 125, in eight.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco:** Pablo Vega, 116, iced "Oso" Martinez, 115, in the opening round. Sergio Rodriguez, 122, kayoed Antonio Puebla, 121, in two.

► **Merida, Yucutan:** Miguel Canto, 111, outboxed Vicente Pool, 112, in 12 rounds and became the new flyweight champion of Yucatan State. Jose "Dinamita" Hernandez, 125, TKOd "Negrito" Dominguez, 129, in the 10th and last round. Geronimo Ku, 125, TKOd Kid Campeche (Luis Salazar), 127, in three. Pajaro Rodriguez, 121, and "Cotorrita" Rodriguez, 129, drew in six.

► **Tijuana, Baja California:** Hedgemon Lewis, 141, halted Gustavo Garcia, 142, in five. Al Robinson, 134, of U.S.A., knocked out Jesse Soto, 123, in two.

► **Mexico, D.F.:** Alberto "Costeñito" Morales, 112, TKOd Ramiro Garcia, 112, in nine. Baltazar Juarez, 118, won from Raymundo Garcia, 117, in eight.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon:** Chucho Miranda, 115, decisioned Miguel Espinosa, 114, of Colombia, in 10. German Espinosa, 112, also from Colombia, beat Gabriel Estrada, 112, in 10.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco:** Babe Reyes, 140, and Elias Correa, 141, drew in 10. Silvio Aguilar, 133, outpointed Benjamin "Benny" Agraz, 134, in 10.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero:** Beto Maya, 124, embalmed Simon Peralta, 124, in the fourth round. "Zurdo" Molina, 123, put Jesus Diaz, 122, to sleep in the very first round.

► **Tapachula, Chiapas:** Jose Luis Meza, 114, TKOd Baby San Martin, 115, in nine.

► **Durango, Durango:** Roberto Peña, 161, TKOd Memo Luna, 158, in six.

► **Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz:** "Whisky" Mendez, 124, outscored Rudy "Zurdo" Torres, 124, in 10. Torres died two days later due to a brain injury.

► **Guaymas, Sonora:** Benny "Kid" Barra, 150, decisioned Ruben Arocha, 146, of Argentina, in 10.

► **Mexico, D.F.:** Clemente Muciño, 125, won by a disqualification from Emiliano "Jorobado" Olvera, 124, in 10. Pedro Carrillo, 112, defeated Mario Chavez, 111, in eight. Jorge Carrasco, 111, destroyed Gabriel Luque, 111, in one. Alejandro Baños, 111, TKOd Pedro Lopez, 112, in six. Salvador Torres, 125, TKOd Jesus Hernandez, 124, in three.

► **Culiacan, Sinaloa:** Lupe Carrera, 134, outpointed Delfino "Fino" Rosales, 132, in 10. Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 116, stopped Jorge Ledezma, 116, in two.

► **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas:** Jose Espinosa, 123, won from Esteban Silva, 123, in 10.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero:** Julio Cesar Segura, 117, nailed Alfredo Perez, 116, in three. Francisco "Sugar" Pino, 118, polished off Beto Maya, 120, in six.

► **Mexico, D.F.:** Jose Luis Meza, 114, bested Roberto Cervantes, 113, in 10, who was undefeated up to this date. Pedro Ronses, 123, TKOd Memin Vega, 122, in two, who also was unbeaten. Felipe San Martin, 124, TKOd Felipe Lopez, 124, in four.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco:** Mario Diaz, 134, outboxed Baby Cassius, 133, of U.S.A., in 10 rounds. Chocolate Ramos, 137, beat Beto Gonzalez, 134, in 10.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon:** Isaias Martinez, 134, kayoed Chuy Cadena, 132, in four. Jose Valencia, 112, nailed Angel Patiño, 111, in the second round.

► **Mexico, D.F.:** Raymundo Cardoso, 117, outscored Lupe Mendez, 117, in 10. Jose Salas, 125, TKOd Jorge Mejia, 124, in two.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco:** "Lachy" Linares, 116, of Dominican Republic, won from Pablo Vega, 117, in 10. Roberto Alvarez, 114, halted Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 113, in the fourth. Goyo Flores, 113, decisioned Manricio Gomez, 113, in 10.

► **Durango, Durango:** Omar Chavez, 147, polished off "Watusi" Mena, 146, in two.

► **Tenosique:** Baby Ricalde, 124, put Juanito Rodriguez, 124, to sleep in nine.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon:** Saul Montana (Saul Muñoz Medina), 118, and Arturo Penaduque, 118, drew in 10.

► **Merida, Yucutan:** Jose Medina, 117, defeated Victor "Zorrito" Ramirez, 117, in 10. Baby San Martin, 116, lost to Leon Meza, 118, in 10. Florentino Fernandez (of course not the Cuban fighter), 112, won as he pleased from Kid Copetes, 113, in eight. Baby Gil, 116, TKOd "Raton" Pacheco, 117, in the fourth. "Gringo" Sanchez, 113, demolished Baby Orozco, 113, in two.

► **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas:** Manuel Andrade, 114, beat Jorge Gomez, 115, in 10. Silvano Estopier, 134, decisioned "Zorrito" Altamirano, 135, in 10. Francisco Tovar, 112, TKOd Manuel Alcala, 111, in eight.

► **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas:** Manuel Mendoza, 117, defeated Cuco Chavez, 117, in 10. Manuel Andrade, 115, iced Guillermo Valencia, 116, in the opening round.

► **Mexico, D.F.:** Memo Rodriguez, 116, outpointed Jorge Reyes, 117, in 10.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon:** Gerardo Fernandez, 126, stopped Justo Yañez, 125, in five. Santos Luna, 124, embalmed "Chino" Castillo, 124, in the third round.

► **Mexicali, Baja California:** Humberto Ramos, 111, won from Victor "Pajaro" Plascencia, 112, in 10.

► **Mexico, D.F.:** Alex Moyado, 134, TKOd Placido Rodriguez, 135, in five. Alberto Perez, 134, whipped David Cosme, 134, in eight.

► **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas:** Aurelio Muñiz, 125, TKOd Cesar Sinda, 125, of Belgian Congo, in the 10th and last round. Alfonso Alvarez, 114, TKOd Manolo Andrade, 116, in six. Mayo Rangel, 125, TKOd Francisco Estrada, 125, in eight.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco:** Salvador Martinez Carrillo, 118, outscored Ismael Escobar, 117, of Dominican Republic, in 10. Diego Martinez, 117, TKOd Johnny Morua, 117, in three.

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10,000 TURN OUT TO SAY GOODBYE ● TO SYDNEY ARENA ●

By Ray Mitchell

Sydney, Australia—Ten thousand fans said good-bye to the Old Barn, the Tin Temple—in other words, Sydney Stadium. The House that Hugh D. McIntosh built to hold the Tommy Burns-Bill Squires world heavyweight fight on August 24, 1908, from which Hugh D. made sufficient profit to stage the Jack Johnson-Burns fight on December 26 that year, is to be demolished to make way for the Sydney Eastern Suburbs Railway.

Australian middleweight champion Tony Mundine and welter kingpin Alan Moore headlined the final program at the Old Barn. Moore was first off the mark and had no trouble in disposing of Filipino Alfredo Fuentes (144) in the third round.

Then it was Tony's turn and he upended Filipino Rapalla, 160, with a right rip to the body. The end came in the second round. Jimmy Carruthers counted all the way. He could have given an encore.

Tony and Alan did not draw the near-capacity house. The magnet was sentiment. This was the final fling, the end of an era, the finish of the biggest and most successful stadium in Australia, and the crowd turned out to see the funeral and pay its respects.

Moore and Mundine were to be the pallbearers, with the autopsy taking place before the final burial three weeks later. The chief mourners were the ghosts of the great.

► One week later Stadiums Ltd. of Melbourne, decided to do a repeat! At time of writing, Alan Moore is booked to close the Sydney Stadium in opposition to Irishman Des Rea, two days before the bulldozers run through the building!

Those who climbed into the ring to receive the crowd's plaudits on the "final" night were: Jimmy Carruthers, Vic Patrick, George Barnes, Digger Evans, Jackie Green, Jack Hassen, Clive Stewart, Kevin James, Bob Thornton, Alf Blatch, Billy Males, George Bracken, Carlo Marchini, Sigi Tennenbaum, Trevor King, Jerry Sullivan, Ern Clingan, Harry Holmes, Bernie Hall, Jim Roland Dwyer, Hughie Dwyer, Norm Harvey, Ray Perez, George Nicholls, Harry Gordon, Frankie Bennett, Rocky Gattellari, Luigi Coluzzi, Ralph Clay, Jackie McDonald, Billy Smith, Frank Duff and Tony Madigan.

► English middleweight Johnny Kramer gave New Zealander Kahu Mahanga a boxing lesson at Melbourne over 10. Mahanga could not explode his bombs on the fast-moving Kramer, who wouldn't stay quiet to be hit. Still, Kahu landed enough to stay within reach of the points, even if he couldn't get set to land the big ones.

► Tony Mundine, 160½, made short work of Fijian Ravuama Roko, 160¼, Redfern. Count-out in the second round.

► Tongan Fighting Fifita, middleweight, outpointed Australian junior middleweight champio Billy Choules, 159½, over 10 at Redfern.

► At the same club one week earlier, former middleweight champion of Australia, Dick Blair, 158¾, fiddled Tongan Sione Sani, 157¼, out of it over 10. Dick is a master of pulling the other fellow down to his pace.

► One night later Blair was held to a 10-round draw by light heavy Quentin Waters at Wagga. Don Jones had been billed to meet Waters but Blair substituted.

► Foster Bibron of the State of Victoria, is the new heavyweight champion of Australia—after 11 years in the game. Bibron, 195, stopped Fred Casey, 181½, in the seventh round of a scheduled 15 at Brisbane. An eye cut caused the stoppage.

► A British Commonwealth title was at stake at Melbourne, when Johnny McCloskey, of Scotland, deefated Harry Hayes, a native product. Each weighed 111 pounds. They fought 15 rounds.

McCluskey now is in line to challenge Chartchai Chionoi, of Thailand, for the world flyweight title.

► At Wentworthville Tony Zurvos, 152, outpointed Norm Langford, 147, in a hard eight.

► The same night, at Brookvale, Joe Vella, 151, narrowly outpointed Johnny Wright, 151, in a torrid 10.

► Rising Sydney featherweight Rino Rico, 127, usually an aggressive fighter, showed his versatility by boxing stylishly and outpointing aggressive Johnny Williams, 130, of Melbourne, in an eight.

► Filipino Sid Vicera, 115¼, was too heavy and carried too many guns for Australian Sandy Flucker, 108¼, at Melbourne. The bout was stopped in the third round.

► New Zealand featherweight champion Toro George, 126, had too much ringcraft for Australian Ted Bonner, 129½, and won comfortably at Bondi Junction.

► George saddled up again at the same club two weeks later and was held to a draw by former Australian lightweight champ Fred Wicks, 129¼, oven 10.

► Melbourne boxer Leo Young, 138¼, pulled out all stops to outpoint New Zealander, former Empire champion Manny Santos, 137¼, at Melbourne.

► Darryl Carrick, 136¼, Melbourne, and transplanted Italian Michael Vitale, 137½, staged a war at the same venue one week later. Carrick had that extra boxing ability which brought him the verdict by an indisputable margin, but what a fight!

Brendon Jackson, 154, outpointed Andrew Susna, 159, in the other eight-rounder on the bill.

► Boxing began at New Lambton. Laurie Duke, 168, halted Greg McNamara, 164, in the fifth round because of an eye cut. McNamara held a points lead at the time.

► At Redfern, in eight, Lucky Gattellari, 126, young brother of Rocky, scored a fifth-round KO over Steve Chester, 128. In the other, Steve Kansdell, 177¾, halted Simon Templar, 171, in the sixth round because of an eye cut.

► At South Newcastle, Ron McLean, 146, boxed well to nose out Doug Green, 149, over eight.

► Johnny Gorkum, 174, outpointed Gerry Fanning, 176, over 10 at Albury.

► Ron Elliott, 135, halted Arthur Kemp, 136, at Channel 0 TV Studios, Nunawading. A cut eye brought the stoppage in the fourth round.

► Triple bill at Brisbane. The three tens resulted: Dave Rudkin, 141, WF3 Sid Capewell, 141; Pat Bonner, 125½, KO 2 Tony Ryder, 124; Graham Dicker, 149, outpointed Joe Sorby, 153.

► At Auburn, Wayne Cullen, 143, outpointed Geoff Valentino, 144, in a hard-fought eight.

► At Brisbane, Ken Barrie, 140, stopped Side Capewell, 142, because of eye cut, in eight. Fred Burns, 115, stopped Bobby Hicks, 113, in the fourth, also on account of an eye cut.

► Again the cut eye bugbear raised its ugly head a few nights later, this time at Kingsford, when Johnny Infante, 144, was ruled winner over Mike Perry, 142, at the end of the fifth round.

At the stoppage Infante held a good points lead. His southpaw style had Perry bamboozled.

► Brookvale, Jim Brown, 160½, had a comfortable points win over veteran Les Dixon, 161, over 10 round.

► Ray Mitchell is now president of the Australian Boxing Federation. He was senior vice president of the ABF, and president of the NSW Sttae body.

CANADIAN FANS WITNESS ● HEAVYWEIGHT FIASCO AS ● BURNS PUNCHES OWN SECOND

By Jim Johnston

Prince George, B.C.—Professional boxing returned here after a lapse of one year. Tommy Burns, 199, Western Canada heavyweight, was in a no contest with Bobby Woods, 175, Vancouver.

Woods opened fast and rocked Burns with an overhand right to the chin. Burns replied with a left hook and Woods again hurt Burns with the right hand.

Near the end of the first round Woods dropped to the canvas from an alleged knee to the groin. Burns's second leaped into the ring to the aid of the injured Woods.

Burns went beserk and punched and kicked his second out of the ring. Referee Bob DeJohn declared no-contest at 2:48 of the first round.

Walter "Valentine" Kelly, Toronto, 164, was awarded a split eight-round duke over "Irish" Tony Dowling, Vancouver, 165.

Prince Jackson, Seattle middle, stopped Rudy Prince, Tacoma, at 2:59 of the second heat.

Maurice Rice, 182, Seattle, knocked out Hugh Mercier, 184, Edmonton, in the second of a heavyweight slugfest. Mercier floored Rice with a right and southpaw Rice had Hughie down twice before the end of the second.

► **Eugene, Ore.** — Kalmon Santosi, Vancouver, welter, dropped a split decision to Dave Rogers, North Bend, Oregon. Terry Hinke, 205, Eugene, got off the deck to stop Willie Bryan, 195, Las Vegas, in the second round.

SOUTH AFRICA'S NGIDI FAILS ● TO LAST SEVEN WITH GOBA ●

By Ed Clark

Springs, South Africa—The Joe Ngidi era is at an end. At the Kwa-Thema Stadium the "Ax-Killer" Joe, 158½, was battered by reigning middleweight champion Gordon Goba, 158¾, and failed to answer the bell for the seventh round. Ngidi offered little resistance and was mainly going through the actions of bobbing, weaving, ducking and holding.

Goba punished Joe severely and dropped him with a left-right combination in the fourth. Ngidi resorted to a karate chop in the sixth for which he was warned. Shortly after, an angry Goba sent Ngidi to the canvas again for a long count and Joe packed it in sitting on his stool.

In a 10-round bout Solomon Ramafiken, shaded Isaac Rakhajane. This was a feather-weight contest which pitted the inexperienced Ramafikeng against an old pro.

► **Johannesburg**—Pierre Fourie, national middle-weight champion, gained a convincing 10-round points victory over Italy's Mario Lamagna. Fourie dropped the Italian in the third and fourth rounds and then, having bruised his right hand, outboxed Lamagna for the remainder of the fight.

In the supporting 10 light heavy Guilio Rinaldi, Italy, shaded Kosie Smith. Smith, having only his 11th pro fight, was enthusiastic, but often bewildered by Rinaldi's skill. Three times in the third Smith rushed in at Rinaldi to batter him, but thrice he was sent to the canvas.

Stoffel Willemse, heavyweight, returned to action and KOd Ray Groenewald in one. Johnny Briz, 197, decisioned Jan Delport, 207, over six. Dominic Germishuys, 160, won over four against Piet du Toit, 155¾, and Chris McCauley, 160, KOd Rudy du Plessis, 155¾.

► **Johannesburg**—Richard Borias, 137½, won a 10 against Enoch Nhlapo, 130¾. Nhlapo was aggressive but Borias countered well and the fans were treated to a fiery battle at the Union Stadium, Newlands.

► **Worcester Cape**—The first pro card here got under way before a large crowd and in the main event Isaac Rakhajane, 132, KOd substitute Fezile Maqanda, 135, in the second.

Colben Yabo, newcomer, outscored veteran Joe Africa in a lightweight clash over eight.

► **Springs**—Anthony Morodi, 132½, KOd Joe Zwane, 133¾, in 2 minutes and 15 seconds of the fourth round. Morodi got Swane on the ropes and with a left and right to the chin had Zwane stunned. A left hook to the jaw and Zwane fell.

Ezra "The Whip" Mzinyane, 160, made short work of Andrew Mogafe, 156½, KOing him in 25 seconds of the second.

► **Welkom**—At the Thabong Stadium Charles Motjeane, 138, and Victor Tshabalala drew over eight rounds. Motjeane was an easy target for Tshabalala's left hook and jab in the early rounds, but later closed up his defense and had Tshabalala fighting to stay on his feet.

Rusty Mngadi, 115, KOd Orange Free State champion Johannes Finger in one. Pitso Seseng, 148, KOd Jacob Mashigo, 142, in three.

In sixes, Andrew Mashweng, 131, outscored Dingaan Tabile, 137. William Matlokotsi, 111, outpointed Andrew Motolo, 112. Samuel Sibeko, 147, beat Abram Ntlane, 143.

In four, Jerry Molefe won over Zacharia Chopo, 147, Molefe, 150.

► **East London**—Aubrey Peta, Cape feather-weight champion, narrowly outpointed Shole Mokoena over eight. In a junior welter contest over eight, Phillip Sibeko barely got the nod over Thomas Tsosane. Sibeko could not fathom Tsosane's awkward style. Flyweight Petros Mqina outpointed David Moyo, six. Bantam Vuyo Tulwano won over six against Simon Monomoli.

Lawrence Mango won a four-round decision over lightweight Lagentshu Putye. Terence Makalazu KOd Moses Mashigo in four. Junior lightweights.

► **Durban**—William Radebe, 134, put in a storming finish to TKO Alpheus Sikhosana, 134½, in the 10th round.

Joe Ngidi, 109, TKOd Harford Gumede in four. Alfred Cele, 129½, TKOd Wilfred Buhlala, 126, in six.

Cynet Tshabalala, 135, drew with Moses Mthembu, 139, over six. Abraham Sibeko, 150, outpointed Paulos Buthelezi, 139, over four. Samuel Msweli, 166½, outpointed Frazer Memela, 179, over six.

► **King William's Town, Cape**—Over 12 rounds for the vacant South African junior middle-weight title Mike Rabagole, 150, outpointed Simon Sali, 148. Youth overcame age in a contest between two scientific boxers. Sali used an excellent straight left but it was not enough against the aggressive Ramagole.

POOR SHOW AROUSES FANS, ST. LOO BOXING ● IN JEOPARDY ●

By Clarence Goldstein

St. Louis, Mo.—Lack of public decorum at a recent boxing show placed the game here in jeopardy. The fans hardly could be blamed for their reaction to the ill-assorted matches.

Several spontaneous brawls broke out among a crowd of some 1,000 that forced the commission to appeal for order or the show would be terminated. The promoters had put together a program that was generally considered to be subpar.

The opening bout, a six rounder, matched Mel Brown, 178, St. Louis, against Honey Boy Jackson, 177, St. Louis. Brown, who had not boxed in 5 years, appearing in his first pro fight, was stopped in 1:02 of the third round.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Nelson Stovall, 190, St. Louis, stopped Gil Medino, 184, Corpus Christi, Texas, in 2:09 of the second round. The end came when Stovall chopped a blow on the back of Medino's neck when he was heading toward the canvas.

In the opening scheduled 10 rounder, Norbert Cody, 159, St. Louis, finished Willie Carter, 156, Corpus Christi, in 43 seconds. Carter, a last minute replacement, went into the ring with a loss record that was reported to be 8 losses via KO, one loss by decision and 1 win in his most recent 10 bouts.

In another 10-rounder, Don Cobbs, 154, St. Louis, stopped Gil De Los Santos, 155, Corpus Christi, in 2:15 of the seventh round by opening a cut over Gil's right eye. Based on past performances of De Los Santos in St. Louis it was expected that Cobbs would be too much for Gil, but Cobbs looked ring rusty against the faster moving De Los Santos.

In the final bout, a 10-rounder, A. J. Staples, 176, St. Louis, lost a decision against Ray White, 178, Los Angeles. White had Staples missing constantly. Staples lost his footing on numerous occasions and both contestants fell to the canvas a half dozen times, none were official knockdowns. Staples, not being able to reach White, walked in with his hands down.

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SHARPE DIED IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Sorel Aucamp.

One of the earliest members of the British Boxing Board of Control when it was formed in 1929, Johnny held several licenses, including promoter, matchmaker, whip and manager.

Johnny joined the Board's Southern Area Council at its inception and remained a member for 24 years.

He had been in the fight game all his life. Reared in the East End of London, he was born in Spitalifields, a few yards away from his lifelong friend Jack Solomons.

An early claim to fame was a victory he gained over another East End neighbor, Ted Kid Lewis, probably the greatest fighter ever produced in this country.

Johnny, who threatened to retire from boxing more than once but could not do so because the sport was part of him, loved to sit back and reminisce about the old days.

Here's what he said about his fight with Gershon Mendeloff, as Lewis was known to his Whitechapel mates before he became a famous fighter.

"It was my third fight, and it took place at the Judean Athletic Club, in the East End, on Alf Goodwin's benefit night. I won on points and the short-sighted club secretary, Sam Kite, pressed what looked like 15 half crowns into my hand. At first I was thrilled. Then I wondered if it was a mistake.

"It was. And I had made it. They were 15 shiny pennies, not 15 half crowns. But nevertheless a princely sum in those days. In addition I got one cup of tea and cakes. As the loser, Lewis got 12 pennies and one cake."

Johnny, whose four brothers were all fighters, followed one of them to America and remained there about five years, having about 65 fights.

After a career of approximately 80 fights, Johnny became a manager, his outstanding prodigy being Terry Allen, who won the world flyweight title.

His first signing was Stratford cruiser Lauri Raiteri and one of his popular fighters was my old friend Archie Sexton, the Bethnal Green welter-cum-middleweight, one of the best men never to win a title.

Johnny also managed British featherweight and lightweight champion Johnny Cuthbert and looked after world featherweight kingpin Freddie Miller during his British campaign.

From his gymnasiums in Darling Road and later Mile End Road, Johnny organized several shows at the Holborn Stadium and Royal Albert Hall for the Jewish National Fund. He also promoted his own small hall bills.

During the last few years, he supervised Jack Solomons' Great Windmill Street gymnasium.

It was during this era that he acquired his last stable of boxers, including Owens, middleweight Howard Sharpe and heavyweight Dennis Forbes.

Johnny's age was deceiving. He was 79 but looked to be in his early sixties. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and two sons. Lawrence is a psychiatrist at Harkness Pavillion, and the other, who uses the professional name of Arden, is a film producer.

SIMELTON BOMBS CAFFEY IN ● NEW MICHIGAN VENUE ●

By Elliott H. Harvith

Southfield, Mich — This writer promoted the first pro card yet held here and a crowd of 663 showed up. Knockout Simelton, 153, Detroit, put the KO on Jim Caffey, 152, Youngstown, in the third round to stop the Caffey knockout streak at six.

Simelton was floored in round one. Caffey was decked in round two and twice in round three. In the third Simelton's power proved too much and Caffey was sent to the canvas. He beat the count but was groggy. Simelton then sent him down and out.

In the semi-final Mike Boswell, 204, Youngstown, stopped Joe "The Toy Block" Byrd, in two rounds on a cut eye.

Boswell appeared in his fourth fight, unbeaten, while Byrd, a rugged veteran, was appearing in his 22nd.

John Mason, 176, Grand Rapids, took the duke in four over Jim Davis, 170, Detroit. Both were floored in round one and continued to slug it out the remaining three heats.

In a mismatch Howard "High" Blood, 166, Detroit stopped completely inept Danny Dane, 156, Detroit in two rounds.

In the four round curtain-raiser Top Cat Jackson, 150, Detroit took the decision over veteran Tommy Shaffer, 161, Uniontown, Pa., Top Cat is now 4-1.

► **Windsor**—A crowd of 1,000 showed up for Jerry McCarthy's second card of the year at the Arena. Gary Broughton, 159, Brantford, took an eight-round decision over Primus Williams, 155, Cincinnati, in a good action bout that paired rugged veterans. Broughton landed most of the solid blows and took six rounds.

In the Semi-Final Alde Carelli, 168, Toronto, destroyed Jim Darby, 175, Indianapolis, at the 2:30 mark of round two, Darby did a fine job of serving as a punching bag in round one and repeated in round two before it was stopped.

Larry Charleston, 180, Detroit belted out Al Hughly, 178, Buffalo at the 1:54 mark of round two, after showing nothing but a talent for being a target. Hughly fell to the canvas on a hook to the body and was counted out

Gary Summerhays, 170. Brantford, took the duke in four over Jim Davis, 171, Detroit. After a close first round Davis took the next three without question, Davis, fighting the second time in four days, is 8-3-1. In the curtain-raiser John Summerhays, 140, Brantford, took every round of the four rounder to beat veteran Bobby Parnell, 140, Akron.

► **Kalamazoo** — Promoter Henry Grooms' first show in Kazoo was a big success as 1,000 paid to see Dave Thach, 160, Kalamazo, outpoint Chuck McCreary, 160, Youngstown, in 10 rounds. McCreary is a 15 year veteran but the punch that once KO'd Fate Davis is gone.

After southpaw Thach piled up a big lead the first eight rounds McCreary tried for a KO but to no avail.

In the semi-final, John White, 137, Muskegon, won a split six round duke over Willie Williams, 135, Cleveland. Williams was decked near the end of round three. Rounds four and five turned into a clinching contest and in the final round both landed sparingly.

General Neely, 149, Detroit, KO'd Pie Madison, 154, Columbus, at the 1:21 mark of round one. Madison shocked everyone by landing a punch.

In the curtain raiser Top Cat Jackson, 150, Detroit, stopped Jimmy Westenberger, 154, Columbus, in 22 seconds.

► **Detroit**—The fourth Annual VBA #32 dinner was held at the Rathskeller and over 200 attended. Awards for service to boxing were presented to John Roxborough, Jim Cullen and Wes Ramey. The first annual Ed Wagonlander award given to Michigan's outstanding amateur went to John Magnum.

► **Akron**—Muskegon lightweight John White, 135, lost a close four round decision to Sonny Oliver, 140, Akron, at the Armory.

► **Milwaukee** — Al "Evil" Evans, Detroit, 178, light heavy, stopped Vidal Flores, 175, Milwaukee, in seven rounds.

► **Cleveland**—Grand Rapids middleweight Doug McLeod was stopped in four rounds by Bobby Haymon at the Arena.

► **Detroit**—Sammy Tasco, old time Detroit bantamweight, has died. Tasco claimed over 100 fights from 1918 to 1923 and fought many of the top boys of his era.

► Lee Jones has died at age 76. Jones was born in 1894 at Lowell, Mass., and came to Detroit in 1916 to train amateurs.

MEDRANO SCORES TWICE IN ● OKLAHOMA CITY CONTESTS ●

By Alan Eskew

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Rocky Medrano scored a 15-round unanimous decision over Joey Limas, Albuquerque, in the Stockyards Coliseum. Medrano started slowly, but soon bombed Limas to the midsection, and opened a cut under Limas' right eye in the eleventh.

In the 10-round semifinal, Oklahoma middleweight champion Larry Brasier took a decision over Austin battler Joe Louis Hargrove.

Woodie Parks, Beaumont, won a four-round decision over Henry Glass, Hulbert, in a heavyweight match. Light heavyweight Bill Spicer, Oklahoma City, beat Dale Wooten, Del City, in four rounds.

► In another Pat O'Grady card at the Stockyards Rocky Medrano kayoed Joe Luis Cruz, Mexico, in the eighth. Medrano decked Cruz twice in the seventh and referee Bob Keel refused to allow Cruz to come out for the eighth. Medrano continues to be one of the most active fgihters in the Southwest.

Brasier and Hargrove again met in the 10-round co-feature, with Brasier taking the decision. It was their third meeting with Brasier winning the most recent two bouts.

Pat Murphy, Dallas, won a heavyweight four-rounder over Bill Spicer, Oklahoma City. Spencer middleweight Gene Guess took a four-round decision over Pete Knight, Oklahoma City.

► Promoter Pat O'Grady aided the Cushing Jaycees in a fund raising project with Brian Kelly, Oklahoma light heavyweight champion, making his debut in his hometown. Kelly disposed of Ben Stevens in the first round of a scheduled 10. Larry Brasier stopped Pete Knight in the fifth.

► Back in Oklahoma City, O'Grady moved his operations to the Fairgrounds and had a war in the main event between Oklahomian Brian Kelly and Texas light heavyweight Paul Patin. Kelly floored Patin in the eighth and that proved enough for Kelly to take a slim, but unanimous decision. Patin opened a cut around Kelly's eye in the third round.

Lightweight Donnie Spencer gave away weight to Eddie Franks, but still scored a TKO in the first. Bill Spicer defeated Pete Knight in four and Rickard Young topped Charlie Sacks in a four round middleweight bout.

BUCK STOPS SCHELLHAS IN ● NINTH AT SEATTLE ●

By Paulie Cook

Seattle, Wash. — Larry Buck, 173½, really came from behind to stop Billy Schellhas, 173½, in the ninth round of their grude fight. Schellhas was ahead going into the ninth. With shocking suddenness, Buck landed a short left hook and then pounded Schellhas to the canvas.

Schellhas managed to get to his feet and was met with a powerful right hand, on the button. Buck was landing all kinds of punches on Schellhas's features when referee Whitey Domstad awarded the fight to Buck with only 2 seconds left of the round.

It had been a fine battle until the sudden ending. Schellhas said, "I grew tired after I saw the ring sign saying it was only the eighth round. Taking 20 pounds off to make the light heavy limit weakened me. I had only three weeks to do it."

Stan "the Animal" Johnson, Seattle, KO'd Joe Hopkins, Salt Lake City, in the sixth round.

Hobo Gary Wiler, heavyweight of Seattle, beat Ed Ostapovich, Vancouver, B.C., a light heavy, in three rounds.

Dick Medina, Seattle KO'd Bobby Woods, Toronto, in the first heat.

In another heavyweight bout Maurice Rice, Chicago, KO'd Indian Jack Dempsey in two.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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at 130 and 140 pounds. They served no purpose and were not popular.

Also of interest is the change which permits a manager to be a promoter, and the proviso that any foreign fighter working in England must show a clean bill of health from his home authority.

There is a movement to have the British Board adopt the American mandatory eight count after a knockdown. The boxers are strong for it.

► **Wembley Pool**—Mark Rowe, 158½, is the new British an Commonwealth middleweight champion, by virtue of his KO over Les McAteer, 158, in the 14th round. Referee Harry Gibbs intervened with McAteer helpless on the ropes. It was a fierce contest.

Gameness and superb condition brought Rowe to victory.

Gibbs excused McAteer in the 14th after he had taken three counts.

For the first 10 rounds it was all McAteer, who met the charging Rowe with a persistent left jab that soon had the latter's face gory, with a cut on the bridge of the nose. But the "Pig Farmer" kept coming forward.

The tide began to turn in the 12th round, with McAteer tiring.

Ken Buchanan, British lightweight champion, 134, successfully defended his title, when he knocked out Brian Hudson, Woodford, 134, five.

Buchanan decked Brian in the first with a right to the jaw for a count of nine.

The challenger fought gamely and succeeded in cutting Buchanan under the left eye.

Hudson made a good recovery and succeeded in cutting the Scot above the eye.

The damage to the champion's eye forced him to bring out all his resources.

In the fifth a perfect right to the jaw felled the challenger. He attempted to rise at nine but fell back, to be counted out.

Joe Bugner, 213, wrote "Finis" to the career of Brian London, 200½.

The former British champion gave all he had in the early rounds, but ran out of steam. Forced against the ropes in the fifth, he had nothing left to stop the onslaught of the rising youngster. Referee Harry Gibbs said "Enough."

John Stracey, Bethnal Green, 139, gained his ninth professional victory with a points win over Dave Pesant, France, 137½, in eight, with a score of 40-38¾.

Johnny Frankham, Reading, 176, made a good impression in his professional debut, defeating Fred Drijan, Gloucester, 175½, who was downed five times before the referee intervened in the fourth.

► **Kensington** — Southpaw Jackie Lee, Hoxton, 133¾, was declared the winner over Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 134½, in the fifth. Referee Harry Humphries ruled him out for butting.

Roger Howes, Norwich, 127¼, gained a points decision over Southpaw Malcolm Lowe, Sheffield, 125, in a hard fought eight rounder.

Gary Yean, Liverpool, 135¼, stopped Geoff Williams, Hoxton, 134½, in the last minute of the sixth round.

Lefty Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 189, outpointed John Cullen, Northampton, 188, in a six.

► **Southend-On-Sea**—A capacity crowd saw Dan McAlinden, 198½, take only 2:28 to dispose of J. L. McAuley, U.S.A., 212.

It was not a test for the young Irishman.

A right had the American on the canvas and he rallied only to receive a left and right that meant "nine."

Another combination decked the American again. That ended it.

The best bout of the card was that between Tommy Gray, Glasgow, 156¼, a protege of Terry Downes, and Frank Isaacs, Willesden, 163¾, over six rounds. The Scot received the decision.

Roy Fergusson, Brixton, defeated Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, in the second of a cruiserweight contest. The referee intervened.

Les Davis, Bangor, 149, outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 145¾, in six rounds.

Dusty Smith, London, 155, stopped Stan Miles, London, 162¾, in the fifth.

► **Manchester**—Frank Young, Belfast, 149, gained a controversial decision over Ricky Porter, Swindon, 149, at the end of eight rounds.

Phil Matthews, Rosendale, won his third professional bout when he knocked out Dave Burland, Preston, in the second round.

In a welterweight bout, Ray Farrell, Salford, stopped Bobby Smith, Blackpool, in the first.

Tony Jackson, Northampton, stopped Terry Mann, Manchester, in the fifth of a middleweight contest.

► **Shoreditch** — Peter Cragg, Letchworth, 149, was lucky to be declared the winner over Ricky Porter, 148½. The referee intervened in the fourth. Porter was suffering from a cut eye.

Cragg was also suffering from a cut eye and was in the lead at the termination.

Chris Jobson, East Ham, 147½, knocked out Tommy Carson, Hammersmith, 145½, in the fifth. Lloyd Duncan, East Ham, 162, outpointed Len Gibbs, St. Pancras, 158, in eight rounds. Hugh Clark, Battersea, 139, knocked out Pat Walsh, Ilford, 130, in the third. Des Morrisson, Bedford, 138, outpointed Danny Turpin, Nigeria, 135¼, in six.

► Jimmy Anderson, Cheshunt, will go down in British history as the only boxer to win outright, the Lonsdale Belt with three victories at the 130 pound limit. The junior lightweight division was abolished recently.

► **Anglo American Sporting Club, London**—Chris Finnegan, Iver, Olympic Gold Medalist, labored hard to defeat Clarence Cassius, Jamaica, in a cruiserweight contest.

Cassius received a cut eye in the fourth, and as the damage worsened in the fifth, referee Syd Nathan intervened and awarded Finnegan the victory.

Mickey Laud, St. Ives, had an easy victory over Amos Talbot, Manchester, in a welterweight set-to.

Talbot received a gashed eye in the second round, and the bout was stopped in favor of Laud.

In a lightweight contest, John Waddington, Islington, and Paul Bromley, Leamington, went eight to a draw.

Richard Dunn, Halifax, stopped Obe Hepburn, West Indies, in the fifth of a heavyweight bout.

► **National Sporting Club, London**—George McGurk, Jarrow, 129, made an impressive first appearance in London, to stop Micky Vann, Leeds, 129, in the fourth round.

The contest was stopped after Vann had taken two counts, and was in no condition to continue.

Tommy Sorbles, Leeds, 143½, outpointed Tony Burney, Cardiff, 146, in 6 rounds.

► **National Sporting Club, London**—Jim Watt, Glasgow, southpaw lightweight, reversed a defeat when he stopped Victor Paul, Nigeria, in the fifth, after the latter was forced to take several counts.

John Mitchell, Glasgow, outpointed Maurice Steves, Tooting, in a bantam eight. Dusty Smith, Harlesden, outpointed John Smith, Glasgow, in a middleweight six. John Kelly, Glasgow, outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, in a welterweight six rounder.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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to a gate of $3,431 to keep promoter Bill Miller in the black.

Rogelio Fernandez, 136, Mexico City, decisioned Angel Mayoral, 134½, Los Angeles, 10; Hugo Torres, 168, San Diego, KO over Ernie Merriweather, 163, San Diego, in two rounds.

► **San Diego**—Irish Ronnie Wilson, 166, San Diego, was hard pressed to gain a split 10 round decision over veteran Polo Corona, 164, Los Angeles, at the Coliseum.

Wilson finished strong to eke out a narrow victory. There were no knockdowns.

In a second 10-rounder, Julio Blanco, 151, Los Angeles, decisioned Truco Leva, 149, San Diego.

► **Fresno**—Roger Webster, 174, Fresno, making his first 10 round start, outslugged and outboxed Enrique Villareal, 171, at Selland Arena.

► **Los Angeles**—Featherweight Antonio Gomez, Venezuela, looked like anything but a title contender as he was hard pressed to gain a split 10 round decision over Centavito Hernandez, 127, Mexico, at the Olympic.

In two prior local appearances, at the Forum, Gomez, 126, was impressive in scoring knockouts over Dwight Hawkins and Gil Noriega.

Against Hernandez, Gomez lacked power and was sluggish in the early rounds. He came on with a strong finish to wrap up the verdict.

Hernandez was a replacement for Ray Echavarria of San Jose, who withdrew because of a hand injury.

Rod Contreras, 126, East Los Angeles, outpointed Humberto Reyes, 125, Los Angeles, four; Ricky Ferris, 120, Los Angeles, and Antonio Villanueva, 121, San Diego, drew, five; Freddie Jones, 146, Long Beach, KO over Jose Armenta, 145½, Mexico, one.

► **San Diego** — Aristeo Castro, 146½, Mexico, and Frankie Rodriguez, 143, Santa Ana, scrambled through 10 rounds to a popular draw.

Two additional 10-rounders rounded out the card. Amado Vasquez, 162, San Diego, decisioned Larry Cruz, 167, Los Angeles. Richie Gonzales, 124½, Los Angeles, nodded Rigoberto Chavarin, 130½, Mexico.

► **San Diego** — Hometowner Charlie Austin, 162, blasted out a two round KO over Jesse Armenta, 165, Sonora, Mexico, in the scheduled 10 round main event.

Rigoberto Chavarin, 131, Mexico, decisioned Cenobio Valenzuela, 129½, San Diego, 10; Joe Mendoza, 122, Los Angeles, KO'd Jesus Alvarez, 126, San Diego, six.

► **Fresno** — On the Webster-Villareal card, Rocky Jones, 216, Oakland, KO'd Bob Bursey, 194, Fresno, one; Juan Venegas, 125½, Fresno, decisioned Fidel Reyna, 131, Sacramento, four; Larry Son, 143, Fresno, decisioned Alvaro Parra, 139½, Mexico, four.

ROMAN AND McBRIDE WIN ● AS TAMPA GOES GOOFY ●

By Tom Ephrem

Tampa, Fla.—Joe "King" Roman glowed in winning the main event against "Irish" Jack O'Halloran. But the stars shone brighter on the new promoters, Phil Alessi and Jerry Bittman. Their first promotion, succeeding Lou Viscusi, was an outstanding presentation and the heavyweight encounter between Roman and O'Halloran had over 1,800 fans goofy.

Spotting the Irishman 44 pounds and a second-round scare, Joe fought well and barely missed a unanimous win through the eyes of judges Bob Diaz, Floyd Golden and Sam Klein.

At 197, Roman came from behind and carried the battle towards the last half. The Philadelphian, 241, got in some good shots even then.

The semi-windup, scheduled for eight, went half that. Featherweight Hector McBride, Viscusi's second Willie Pep, emerged victorious for the 13th consecutive time. Referee Uly Valle stepped in after Hector had sent Al Ferrer, Miami, through the ropes. Ferrer said he had injured his shoulder. This occurred in the fourth. The winner at 127, the loser a pound less.

George Holden, the Moonport Mauler, a 190-pounder out of Melbourne, Fla. whipped Nathaniel Shavier, 190, Orlando, in a sixer. Walter White, 168, Tampa, scored heavily in 39 seconds of the opening round to stop Charlie Clark, 174, Melbourne.

Lorenzo "Hurricane" Roberts, 160, Tampa, beat Saw Pretty, 161, Tampa, in a four-rounder.

Amateurs Frankie Suarez, 138, Tampa, beat Anthony Dampier, 135, Safety Harbor, in a three.

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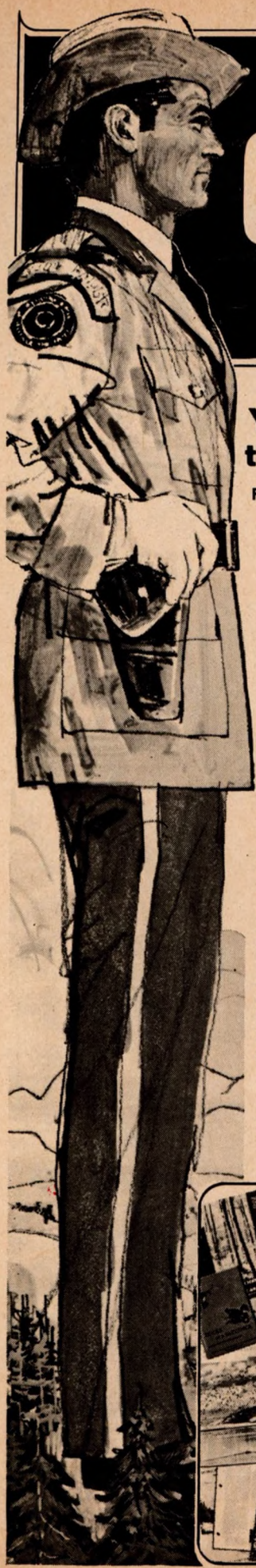

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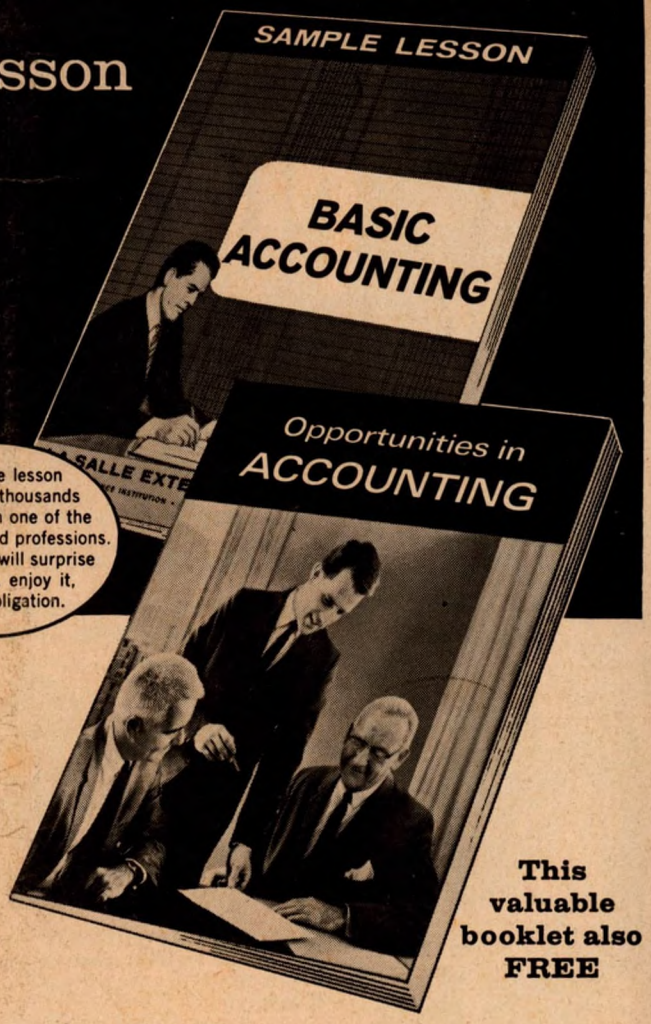

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